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Saturday

Review

The prime of Maggie Smith

arrived a little late on

and ill health. Now she has

taken New York by storm

Resignation expected in next few days

Ridley loses support of Tory MPs

By ROBIN OAKLEY AND PHILIP WEBSTER

pected to resign from the cabinet within the next few days after losing the support of Conservative expected at the weekend or MPs over his attack on EC the Germans. Nearly twothirds of MPs canvassed

secretary, who was flying to London last night after a visit to Hungary, was being left by Margaret Thatcher with the dignity of making his own decision about his future. Mrs Thatcher did not want to be forced into not want to be forced into Michael Howard, Tom sacking one of her closest King, John Wakeham and

soulmates in the cabinet. A red warning light on the flightdeck of a British Airways jet added to Mr Ridley's problems yesterday by strand-ing him in Budapest for an extra four hours. The outward flight to Budapest had to turn back to Heathrow with a suspected problem in its hydraulic systems. A stand-by jet took off for Budapest shortly after the first aircraft returned to Heathrow.

Friends said that Mr Ridley, who was due to meet close colleagues after arriving at Heathrow, would need time to digest the strength of the storm that had broken in his absence before making up his mind. They believed, however, that if he felt the prime minister would be helped by his departure then he would

There is little doubt among Conservative MPs and ministers that, after hearing the state of opinion in the parliamentary party, Mrs Thatcher expects him to do so. Senior ministers see resignation as the only way of repairing the damage to Britain's interests in Europe caused by Mr Ridley's remarks in an interview with The Speciator magazine. In the Foreign Office the belief was that the longer Mr Ridley stayed the harder it would be to mend the

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An officer of the Tory 1922 committee, Sir Marcus Fox, revealed yesterday that Tim Renton, the government chief that verdict.
Mr Ridley's departure is

early on Monday. There is an EC meeting involving trade ministers on Tuesday and the Department of Trade and by the whips are believed to have indicated that he should go.

The trade and industry secretary, who was flying to in the Commons on Monday.

A resignation from Mr Ridley would be accompanied by the announcement of his successor and any other consequential changes in the cabinet. it emerged last night.

Cecii Parkinson are among the ministers mentioned as candidates to replace him, with the newcomer to the cabinet likely to come from a group including William Walde-grave, David Mellor and John Patten on the left, and Michael Portillo, Francis Maude and Peter Lilley on the right.

Yesterday in Budapest, a sombre looking Mr Ridley spent his time meeting Hungarian officials and avoiding the questions of journalists before retiring to the ambas-sador's residence to await the

delayed flight.

Mrs Thatcher appeared anxious yesterday to avoid any impression that she was intending to sack Mr Ridley. She spent the afternoon at a carnival in her Finchley constituency, like Mr Ridley evading questionms from journalists. A theatre band struck up the German national anthem, Deutschland Uber Alles, as she strolled among the stalls before she left to go on to Chequers for the

It was emphasized throughout the day that there were no plans for Mrs Thatcher to see or talk to Mr Ridley immediately on his return. Government sources suggested that if anything hap-pened it would be at Mr Ridley's initiative.

Gordon Brown, the shadow industry secretary, attacked the prime minister last night for failing to discipline Mr Ridley. "By refusing to sack Mr Ridley or even call him whip, had been advised that back, carpet him, or just see the tide of Tory opinion was him to demand an explana-

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NICHOLAS Ridley is ex-pected to resign from the Mrs Thatcher was informed of known that the decision about his future rests entirely in his own hands, Mrs Thatcher is guilty of a dismal failure of leadership," he said.

"With this indecision following on top of the Ridley insults, her inaction today signifies an astonishing abdication of responsibility that will make Britain the subject of, at best, ridicule, and at worst, hostility throughout Europe."

Mrs Thatcher had a short meeting at the Commons yesterday with Tim Renton, who was briefed on Thursday night by officers of the 1922 Committee about the views of

Sir Marcus Fox, vice-chairman of the committee, said yesterday that "the climate from Mr Ridley's point of view" was very bad. He expected that "an important statement will be made very shortly".

Asked when that would be

he replied: "I do not care when it is - today, next week or in the recess. Some action will be taken." The party was un-usually agitated about Mr Ridley's remarks. It was far too important to be left in the

hope that it would go away. Friends of Mr Ridley have accepted reluctantly that his continuation in office would make life difficult for John Major, although they cling to the hope that weekend opinion polls on the German question might show stmng backing for his stance.

Mr Ridley swiftly withdrew his offending remarks, in which he accoused Gemany of wanting to take over the whole of Europe, on Thursday.

Last night, the trade and industry department revealed that Mr Ridley's visit to Hungary, an official visit in-tended to forge new trade links with the newly liberated Eastern Bloc country, had been plagued by problems from the

beginning. Officials had lined up meetngs with government members including the minister of interior operations, the minister of industry and commerce and the minister of transport and communications. A spokesman said, however, that an emergency cabinet meeting had thrown doubt on the programme.

"He went to meet the new ministers in the new government there, but whether he met the people he was meant to or not, we don't yet know."

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Grecia, one of the four ferries which

yesterday carried thousands of refu-

gees from Durres, cheering their first sight of the Italian Adriatic port of Brindisi. The Albanians had been camped out in Tirana's Western

embassies for two weeks, having

storred the gates and scaled the walls

in their efforts to leave Europe's last

Stalinist state. Some of yesterday's ar-

England's

defeat set

TV record

By JOHN GOODBODY

NEARLY half the population

Germany World Cup semi-

final, the biggest audience yet

recorded on British television.

Official figures released yes-

terday show that 25.2 million

people saw the match, which West Germany won in a

penalty shoot-out, on Wed-

nesday, July 4. The BBC audience was

16.69 million, and ITV's 8.25

million. A BBC spokesman said that eight of the nine

biggest audience figures for

the World Cup were on the BBC. The BBC and ITV

alternated the matches in the

preliminary rounds but

showed the same England

The next highest viewing figures were for England v Cameroon (23.7 million) and

West Germany v Argentina (19.45million).

matches in the later stages.

Banks to fight random tax check on accounts

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent

The British Bankers' Asso-

unprecedented breach of cusmounting a campaign to block signs of hanky-panky."

dentiality," Lord Inchyra, the ciation has called this an BBA's secretary-general, said. "Banks cannot allow them a tomer confidentiality and is free hand to go fishing for

deadlock over Dublin's role By Edward Gorman, IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT THERE were further signs spent seven hours trying to yesterday that the govern- "loosen." The point at issue is Dublin's insistence on a pre-

rivals in Brindisi were taken by train to

West Germany. Others flew back across the Adriatic to Athens, where

one of them, Bardail Didi, said: "We

have escaped from the wolf's mouth." Mr Didi, who had been sought by the

notorious Sigurimi security police, added that "if the Albanian regime becomes isolated from the inter-

national community, it will immediate-

ly collapse like a house of cards." The

Ulster talks

ment's initiative on Northern Ireland was in serious difficulty after seven hours of ministerial talks with the Irish government failed to break the deadlock on Dublin's involvement

Speaking after his day-long meeting with Gerard Collins, the Irish foreign minister, at the Northern Ireland Office in London, Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, indicated both sides were coming close to knowing once and for all if further progress could be made.

As if anticipating a complete collapse Mr Brooke said it was a "matter of relief" to him that he had always described the chances for inter-party talks as a possibility rather than 2 probability. He added: "Inevitably, we

are moving nearer to the point of knowing whether we have got something which is a fundamental problem for everybody. Mr Brooke emphasised that

all the parties to the initiative must be in agreement at every stage if the talks were to have any chance of success. "Unless everybody is at ease with the basis with which

difficulties thereafter," Mr Collins, like his British counterpart, expressed alternating optimism and cau-

Mr Collins is expected also to consult SDLP leaders while Mr Brooke will discuss with unionist leaders a number of suggestions put forward by Mr Collins aimed at breaking the Mr Brooke yesterday made it clearer than ever before that

cise timetable for its direct

involvement in a three-tiered

structure of interlocking talks

aimed at creating a devolved government in Belfast and a

new Anglo-Irish Agreement.

that Dublin can have no direct

input to internal negotiations

between the parties in the

province on a new gov-

scenes by Charles Haughey,

the prime minister, and backed it seems increasingly

clear by the nationalist Social

Democratic and Labour

Party, wants to have its own

inputs to those discussions

and the timing of it laid down

Intense negotiations at of-ficial level will continue

throughout next week and Mr

Collins and Mr Brooke will

talk again during the Anglo-

irish conterence in Belfast on

clearly in advance.

Dublin, led from behind the

ernment.

The unionists are insisting

he still intends to make a full statement announcing a date for the start of formal talks before the end of this par-liamentary session on July 26, tion about the future. He and that if he fails to meet that described the differences deadline, the venture would which continue to divide them be in deep - probably termias a "log jam" which they had nal - decline. Keith's sticky finger keeps Stones under wraps

The Battle of Britain A British and a German pilot, who tried to kill each other 50 years ago, tell Brian James about the day they met in combat Talent of our

refugees arriving at Brindisi were

nearly all short and thin because of

chronic malnutrition. Their hair and

beards were long and their teeth generally rotten. The children looked anaemic but suntained, the result, several said, of doing an obligatory

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Drivers'

premiums

up 16% as

thefts rise

By KEVIN EASON

MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

INSURANCE premiums for

Britain's 20 million motorists

will rise by 16 per cent this

year as drivers pay the price of

rising crime. Insurance com-

panies are pressing manufac-turers to improve the security of their vehicles as losses from

thefts increase to more than

The Association of British

Insurers said yesterday that

many manufacturers had a

poor record of developing

security systems. The organis-

ation also criticised motorists

who failed to lock their ve-

hicles or to discourage thieves

Insurers may decide to identify models with the worst

security records to keep future

premiums down. Mike Jones,

chief executive of the insurers'

association, said that the in-

dustry had no immediate

plans for identifying poor

performance on security, but

In future, companies may hold prices down for motorists

who buy cars with good

security records or fit alarms

or other devices to their

vehicles, Mr Jones said.

"Motorists may well have to

pay higher insurance pre-miums for cars where the

manufacturers do not do

enough to improve car sec-

urity. We will be stepping up

our efforts to encourage

motorists to take better care of

their cars and we will be telling

them the consequences in

nigher premiums if our mess-

There were more than 335,000 theft claims last year.

age is ignored."

did not rule out the idea.

E300 million a year.

by installing alarms.

day's farming each week.

young artists We are in danger of becoming obsessed by the past, and ignoring an emergent generation of artists, Richard Cork says

When the proms went pop



Sir Maicolm Sargent conducted the Proms with his carnation and charisma in full bloom. There were those who felt he encouraged a hooligan tendency. Richard Morrison reports

MEEKEND LIVING

Making homes out of barns

Barns are part of the classic farmyard scenery. Is it right that they should be converted into homes? Yvonne Thomas conducts the debate: Page 17

Spinning in the wind

Weather vanes, popular in Victorian times, are back in vogue. Nicole Swengley reports from the rooftop: Page 19

SPORT



to them This will be a familiar sight

during the Open golf championship next week when Payne Stewart, wearing sponsored socks, attempts to win at St Andrews: Page 31

Silverstone Vigel Mansell explains how

My plan for

he will drive the Silverstone circuit as he races for his first grand prix win of the season: Page 32

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Take account of credit

Holidaymakers using credit cards have been warned to keep a record of what they spend: Page 52

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Richards: responding well to antibiotics

BRITAIN'S banks are trying the powers in this year's to stop the Inland Revenue finance bill, which comes up gaining wide-ranging access to for its third reading in the bank accounts. The Revenue House of Commons on Monfor its third reading in the told banks only two weeks ago that it planned to examine accounts at random, without the permission or knowledge to the conservative backbench finance committee, has tabled an amendment we go into the talks, then I think there is the possibility of

of the account holders, to hunt to stop the move. for illegal claims for untaxed

By ALAN HAMILTON

A QUARTER-inch cut in the finger

which fretted such classics as Little Red

Rooster and Honky Tonk Women is ra-

pidly becoming the most cataclysmic

minor injury in the history of popular

music. For the second time in a week the

Rolling Stones were forced yesterday to

postpone a concert because of the septic

state of their lead guitarist's left hand.

Many of the expected capacity audience of 72,000 had already gathered outside the gates of Wembley Stadium

yesterday afternoon, an inauspicious Friday the Thirteenth, when it was

announced there would be no perform-

ance. Keith Richards was declared by his

doctor unfit to play the demanding two-hour set for which fans had paid £22.50 a

ticket to marvel at the longevity of one of the ancient monuments of British rock.

On Wednesday night the Richards

"This is an unacceptable

invasion of customer confi-

finger, the third on his left hand, forced the band to abandon their planned appearance at Cardiff Arms Park, to the dismay of 30,000 fans. Since then the finger, cut on a guitar string during a tuning-up session, has not improved sufficiently to allow play to resume, and the infection has spread to the lower part of the hand. Dr Michael Paul, the guitarist's doctor, said yesterday however that the condition was now

improving rapidly under antibiotics. Richards spent the past three days with his left hand heavily bandaged, ruling out any possibility of his playing even the simplest riffs. He has been told that to use the hand now might damage his playing ability for ever, which in view of the Stones' apparent indestructibility he clearly does not wish to do.

If medical science does not work its magic, one disappointed Stones aficionado will be the Princess of Wales, who

plans to be among the audience at tonight's repeat concert, which it was hoped yesterday would still go ahead. Ticket holders for last night's non-event were asked to hold on to them, as an additional appearance would be staged at a date to be announced. The postponed Cardiff concert has been hastily rearranged for Monday.

Estimates of the cost of postponing such a concert vary wildly. The promoters safeguard themselves by not giving people their money back; the cut finger will be felt much more keenly by traders who make rich pickings at the gates.

There is, apparently, no question of a substitute, as Richards is too wellknown. Mick Jagger is more fortunate. It has been disclosed that during performances his 47-year old voice receives the support of an offstage backing singer to disguise the inevitable range reduction accompanying advancing age.



FROM THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE CHARM SCHOOL

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a page turner.' WASHINGTON POST

can be too truthful

Nicholas Ridley and the Spectator furore

Candidates line up for elephants' graveyard

By Robin Oakley and Philip Webster

a conundrum in reshuffling in his place his minister of her cabinet on the expected departure of Nicholas Ridley right-winger who is no lover of from the Department of Trade and Industry, a department ment would placate the which has taken over in recent Conservative Bruges Grouyears as the elephants' grave- pers and anti EC-federalists. yard of politics.

She will be losing a close ally for promotion to the cabinet are William Waldegrave, who was considered closely for Howard was given the employment department in Office ministers John Patten and David Mellor, who has scored a major success with the Broadcasting Bill. All three incline to the left of any Tory

MARGARET Thatcher faces fence to the DTI and elevate Brussels and whose advance-

Mr King has been a minister-of-all-work under Mrs Thatcher, serving in the cabiwhose going will alarm the Thatcher, serving in the cabi-Tory right. Yet the three most net at environment, transport, obvious candidates lined up and Northern Ireland before his present post. He would hardly be surprised by another move. Mr Clark has been working closely with the prime minister on the possible shape of defence cuts constit-January, and the two Home uting the "peace dividend". After the experience with

Mr Ridley, however, Mrs Thatcher is likely to think twice about elevating Mr Clark. A highly intelligent and individual politician who is Some intriguing permuta- one of her personal favourites, tions were therefore being he is also accident-prone, one of her personal favourites, discussed among MPs yes- having landed himself in race terday. One suggestion was relations trouble, for example, that Mrs Thatcher could with remarks about "Bongo



discretion has excluded him from the cabinet so far and it would be a surprise if Mrs Thatcher were to relent in what may well be a preelection year.

right-wingers are Francis Maude (Foreign Office), Peter Lilley (Treasury) and Michael Portillo. Mr Portillo has only just been given the task of overseeing the revisions of the poll tax as



Wakeham: back in prime

however, and could scarcely be moved again so soon. Two other combinations suggested are that Michael Howard could be switched from employment to the DTI, a The most talented of the department he knows well after pushing through the Financial Services Act as a junior minister there. Mr Maude could then be given charge of employment.

The other notion canvassed yesterday was that John reshuffle consequent upon Mr do not seem to prosper long Wakeham, now back in the Ridley's departure would be a term under Mrs Thatcher. In



prime minister's inner circle, could be switched from energy to the DTI, with Mr Lilley. like Mr Maude a member of the radical "No Turning Back" group, as his replace-ment. Either plan would leave Messrs Waldegrave, Mellor and Patten with considerable reason to feel hard done by.

Another intriguing sugges-

prime minister. Tipped at the start of this parliament as a potential chancellor and known as a firm Thatcher lovalist, he has faced a series of setbacks lately and failed to secure a major post in her key reshuffles. A select committee report criticised his role in electricity privatisation with unparallelled severity and his present transport department has been beset by problems.

Mr Parkinson had a brief spell once before as trade and industry secretary After he had delivered election victory as party chairman in 1983 he held the position from June until October that year, when revelations about his private life forced him to resign from the government. A transfer back to the DTI at this stage would show that, under Mrs Thatcher, there was life in Mr Parkinson's career yet.

Although they sometimes go on to other jobs, the ministers who head the DTI tion yesterday was that any ministers who head the DTI reshuffle consequent upon Mr do not seem to prosper long

test of Cecil Parkinson's her first administration, when remaining credit with the there were separate secretaries there were separate secretaries industry, Sir Keith (now Lord) Joseph, was industry secretary from May 1979 to Sept 1981; Sir John Nott was trade secretary from May 1979 to January 1981; John Biffen was trade secretary from January 1981 to April 1982; and Patrick (now Lord) Jenkin was industry secretary from September 1981 to June 1983. Lord Cockfield was trade sec-retary from April 1982 to June

> Cecil Parkinson was the first trade and industry secretary, from June 1983 to October 1983. Others between his tenure and Mr Ridley's have been: Norman Tebbit (Oct 1983 to Sept 1985); Sir Leon Brittan (Sept 1985 to Jaar 1986); Paul Channon (Jan 1986 to June 1987); and Lord Young of Graffiam (June 1987 to July 1989).

Only Mr Parkinson of that group remains in the cabinet.

Daniel Johnson, page 12

switch Tom King from de- Bongo land". His lack of Political case strengthens for speeding ERM entry

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

NICHOLAS Ridley's inter- that the enforced departure of ironically, have helped to net bonus for Britain by speed British entry into the ex- enhancing the country's Eurochange-rate mechanism of the European monetary system, a move he would dearly like to have scotched altogether.

His departure from office, fully expected by many Conservative MPs, will remove from the cabinet the doughtiest opponent of ERM and none of the permutations suggested for a reshuffle involves bringing in an anti-

Those on the fringe of the cabinet, such as William Waldegrave, David Mellor and John Patten, are all Europhiles. Only if the more junior Francis Maude were elevated would the Eurosceptics take any comfort.

Some Conservative MPs were even suggesting yes-terday that John Major, Chan-MP for Buckingham and a secretary, would be able to make a political case for ERM entry earlier than had been planned, to help to undo the harm done to Britain's standing in Europe by his anti-

German outburst. Inside the Foreign Office and the Treasury, however, the view was that the timing of ERM entry would still be determined by the economic arguments, which had not changed as a result of Mr Ridley's interview, and by the need to position Britain for the discussions on economic and monetary union leading up to the inter-governmental advantage, he said. conference in December.

view with The Spectator may, Mr Ridley might produce a pean credentials, the Foreign Office was talking strictly in terms of damage limitation. Elsewhere in Whitehall, however, there was puzzlement at Mr Ridley's tactics. "Attacking Europe and ending up outside the cabinet in consequence is a pretty clear

statement," one official said. The Foreign Office was being careful not to be seen pushing for Mr Ridley's departure, not wanting to assist in the creation of a martyr to the anti-market cause. There was no doubt, however, of the departmental view that the sooner Mr Ridley went the simpler would be the task of damage

cellor of the Exchequer, and former diplomat, said yes-Douglas Hurd, the foreign terday that it would be difficult to see how Mr Hurd could hope to achieve his diplomatic objectives so easily if Mr Ridley stayed on.

"Mr Ridley has not stood up for Britain. He has put us in a humiliating position. We now have to crawl around apologising to everyone. You don't make the mark any weaker by spitting in the eye of the Germans." If Britain were seen by the Continent as indulging in "rancid anti-Germanism" less and less notice would be taken of

Europeans were suggesting backbench foreign affairs rather than a deeper inte-



Mr Ridley refusing to answer reporters' questions on his remarks about Germany as he ended his visit to Budapest yesterday

committee, said that Mr Ridley had to step down in the interests of the prime minister."He is an honourable man, he will go."

Mr Ridley has created problems for others besides the Foreign Office. Ministers in all departments are now involved in regular meetings with their EC counterparts, some travelling to Brussels almost weekly. The difficulty they face is that Mr Ridley ia known to be one of the prime minister's ideological soul-

The theme he developed in his recent speech to the Bruges Group of a wider European while some easer Tory chairman of the Conservative nations of Eastern Europe

gration of the existing 12, is there their reservations were tracted Mrs Thatcher. The two are close on economic questions and colleagues have suspected the existence of a tacit understanding between them that he can make free speeches about matters on which her position restricts

While Tory MPs say that Mr Ridley's enforced resigna-tion would help to underline the seriousness of British intentions in Europe, it will not altogether ease the party's internal problems on the subject. Mr Ridley's presence in the cabinet has acted as a safety valve for the anti-European diehards, who have believed that while he was

one that has previously at- articulated at the top of the party. If he is replaced by a pro-EC voice they might feel the need to draw attention to their cause by noisier means.

While Mr Ridley is not considered to have the energy or the strength to become the leader of an anti-EC faction on the backbenches, his departure could provoke a new bout of internal argument on European questions. The real damage that Mr Ridley has done to the Conservatives is to have produced a gratuitous controversy just when the party's business managers believed they had calmed the party and

slowed the political tempo. Mrs Thatcher decided in tuate the positive in her relations with the other members of the EC and has been notably more placatory at the last three meetings of the European Council, one in Strasbourg and two in Dublin. At the Houston economic summit she did not side wholeheartedly with the US on free-trade questions but was careful to act as a link between the EC nations and

Ironically too, she fought alongside Helmut Kohl, the West German chancellor, on environmental questions. action must be taken on global other countries willing to turn warming and climate change a blind eye to a little inflation

the US.

was available. Mr Ridley might have been swimming against the current in another complaining about German domination of a unified European monetary system, Mrs. Thatcher has said that one snag with moving from the present, Deutschmark-dominated system to full monetary union is that it may not be what its proponents suggest simply because it will be less dominated by Germany.

Instead of a discipline inspired by the deeply ingrained anti-inflationary German trapushing the Americans and ditions, she has said, it will be others to acknowledge that more subject to politicians of before full scientific evidence for temporary political ends.

Regrets in shires but the message is clear

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

INFLUENTIAL local Conservatives from the shires and spires of the Tory heartland yesterday dismissed Nicholas Ridley as an upper-class burnbler at best and a dangerous liability at worst.

secretary's indiscretions hard-ened few words were said on his behalf, although the least vindictated that his withdrawal and apology should be accepted even though it was felt he should clear his desk and go.

John Warren, chairman of Eastleigh Conservative assoc ation in Hampshire, said: "His words have caused grave embarrassment to Great Britain and to the party. It's not for me to put the mockers on him, but I think it is right he should have a long hard look at his future. It is unfortunate he should have made his remarks at a time when the government is trying to knit closer ties with Europe. Nothing but harm has been done."

Alexandra Wallace, agent for Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, MP for Edinburgh West, said: There's been among the Jewish community here reservations about the amaigamation of the two Germanies because that might be viewed as a possible threat But if you boil down what Mr Ridley said then it's plain be should have been a bit more diplomatic. What you think and what you say must some-times be two different things. To foster better relations with Europe you have to be a bit

It would be wrong to as-sume, however, that Mr Rid-ley's interview has left the Tories in the shires as agitated as their urban cousins at

At Alton, in east Hamp-shire, where Michael Mates is the MP, Conservative associ-ation officials were too preoccupied with helping a delivery man find his way to this weekend's country fair to have time to comment.

Arthur Moss, agent to Michael Jopling, MP for Westmorland and Lonsdale and a former chief whip, said he was more likely to be flooded with complaints from constituents about low-flying aircraft than high-flying

He added: "One man has rung to dismiss Mr Ridley as a has gone overboard. I just think ministers of the Crown are subject to the constraints of office. Having in mind the prime minister had some success at the recent summit meeting I think Mr Ridley has weakened the kudos accruing to her."

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Sheila Blaby, agent to David Sumberg, MP for Bury South, said: "We are trying to make people feel European and Mr Ridley has made it more difficult for us. It's difficult to apologise for what someone else has done."

Frances Mowatt, agent to Sir Bernard Braine, MP for Castle Point and Father of the House, added: "All those I have spoken to say they fear. Mr Ridley should go."

Kaufman foresees Tories' fall

By OUR CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DIFFERENCES over Europe would destroy the Conservative government, Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, said last night. The Nicholas Ridley affair was the latest evidence of the malignancy gnawing at the heart of the government. Speaking in Stockport, Mr Kaufman said it

had been the European issue that led Michael Heseltine to walk out of the cabinet, that forced Sir Leon Brittan to resign, that led Margaret Thatcher to dismiss Sir Geoffrey Howe as foreign secretary, that forced Nigel Lawson out of the cabinet, and that brought about the Ridley crisis.

Mr Kaufman said the cabinet split over Europe meant that Britain could not pursue a balanced economic or fiscal policy; it had led to a wildly fluctuating pound and to record interest rates. "The split in the cabinet over Europe means that the United Kingdom presence at European summit meetings is negative and despised by our European partners, who are deprived of the positive contribution a united British cabinet could make. The Ridley outburst became a crisis for the government because it shows how the split over Europe is preventing the foreign secretary and the Chancellor of the Exchequer being taken seriously in community policy-making

"When Ridley insulted the Germans, the French and the Irish he was voicing, the same prejudice as the prime minister did in her diet of Brussels Euro-elections posters. Ridley was the ventriloquist's dummy." If you watched the prime minister carefully, it was her lips

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Serenity of Cotswolds disturbed by uproar

Ridley's remarks had the party traditionalists jamming the telephone lines at his constituency headquarters yesterday. Pauline Higgs barely had time to sip her cup of coffee as she fielded a succession of calls from Cornwall to the Borders all expressing support for his views and applauding his bluntness.

"Everyone from the Lords to the man in the street has been ringing and I can honestly say not one voice is in dissent. They admire his guts in saying it, but some are sorry he made the retraction," she said. She was the only staff member in the office in Cheltenham as the constituency agent is taking a timely

Normally Mrs Higgs spends sandstone villages is home to have always been staunch really Mr Ridley's performany retired people and a Conservative supporters, like really Mr Ridley's performance on the international fishing.

THE uproar over Nicholas surgery, but this week there served in the forces. In the seventies, but I know they for tranquil village of Naunton, in one would vote anything now celled it because of his

> Elsewhere in the constituency of Cirencester and Tewkesbury, in rural Gloucestershire, a very distinctive breed of Tory was revelling in the fuss over a plain-speaking man having echoed their own

"Nothing wrong with the man," said Toby Harrison, aged 58, who has sold farm machinery since leaving the army. "It was not so long ago since we were fighting the war. Some people have short memories and like to rush on with things too much."

His views were echoed by many. The rich farming countryside with its beautiful

the Cotswolds, where the old rectory provides the perfect retreat from the hothouse atmosphere of cabinet office, Mr Ridley's neighbours were less tolerant of the

Such an insular community has a long memory and Mr Ridley is highly unpopular. A refusal to open the village fete, or even give a donation, some five years ago is to them a recent injury. So too is opposition to a few new homes.

Some even blame him for the closure of the local school, which shut after Mr Ridley's children went on to private secondary schools. "Nobody here likes him," said Jane Davies. "The elderly here

to try and get him out." Ironically, those whose

objections to the man are most firmly held share many of his views on Europe. "It is funny that so many people in the village actually support what he said, but they really have had enough of his style,"

Cathy Turton, aged 45, a teacher and an active member of the village's thriving committees, believed that another decade might prove Mr Ridley right.

"But he really ought to be nore diplomatic, after all, that is the skill of the politician. We're quite frankly surprised he has lasted this long, he does like to put his foot in it."

political stage, but that his insensitivity shown to them over the years should have been masked from those outside the village for so long. They are highly critical of his refusal to be involved in the village with a population of just over 300.

"We are a living village. Just because it is all roses around the door, Cotswold Stone and drystone walls doesn't mean it is a film set. We are small and need everyone here to play their part and make an effort and Mr Ridley has never done that," Mrs Turton said.

Nonetheless, the setting is a perfect one in which to escape the cacophony of London, and a short distance away is the Severn where Mr Ridley can enjoy the perfect solitude of his favourite hobby; salmon

And the band played Deutschland Uber Alles

MARGARET Thatcher spent yesterday afternoon at a fair, and the only thing that was "intemperate" as she

toured the marquees of Finchley Carnival was the blazing sun. The prime minister was the model of discretion, ignoring repeated questions from journalists about the future of Nicholas Ridley as she mingled with her constituents, watching a display of Scottish dancing and buying an umbrella, two tea towels, and raffle tickets.

She greeted mothers outside the baby show tent and a short ride in a pony cart took her to the main podium, where she watched Scottish pipers perform and chatted to the

mayor of Barnet, Roy Schutz. A note of mischievous comedy broke through when a circus theatre band, mindful of Mr Ridley's comments, played Deutschland Uber Alles on violin and trombone.

Mrs Thatcher toured the stalls with unwavering froideur, trailed by an unheeded array of journalists as the temperature rose above 80°.

Her constitutents, gathered in Victoria Park, were more ready to express a colourful mix of views about Mr Ridley's outspoken interview. Eileen McAllister, a Thatcher supporter manning the National Trust stall, said: "He ought to be more tactful. It's a pity, because be's got great potential.

Why mess it up like that?" Arthur Collet, waiting for the flying owl display, thought Mr Ridley should resign. "I reckon he should get his cards. It's either him or her."

Stephen Cooper, at the amateur dramatics and art stall, thought his views struck a popular chord. "A lot of people have been waiting for someone to say something like that for a very long time. But it's an amazing mistake for a cabinet minister. If I was prime minister, I would regard the man as being a dangerous idiot."

Maurice Clare, a long time Conservative voter who has lived in Finchley 54 years and served there as an air raid precaution officer during the war, hours earlier.

said Mr Ridley was right to worry about Bonn's ambitions in Europe.
"I'll sooner trust him than the Germans any day. If you read continental history, if Germany gets her chance they'll have another go. We don't want a third world war, do we? Two have been enough in my lifetime. For all we know Mrs Thatcher thinks the same as him but doesn't voice it."

The falconry exhibit was finishing as Mrs Thatcher's black Daimler, a helium balloon packed safely in the boot, pulled away with the prime minister, who left as sphinx-like as she had arrived one and three quarter

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THE SUNDAY TIMES

Lawson and Ridley

"At the end of the first day's transcripts I looked and saw nothing of any interest. On the second

day I saw the German stuff and I was flabbergasted . . . Dominic Lawson talking of his now-notorious

interview with Nicholas

Ridley. In tomorrow's

Sunday Times Lawson is

the interviewee as he tells

Valerie Grove the story

behind the Cabinet

minister's candid views

which shocked Europe.

Madonna

"Madonna symbolises a

revolution in feminist thought . . . as the raunchy star brings her

Blonde Ambition show

to London The Sunday Times finds leading

feminists surprisingly

championing her cause.

Nick Faldo

Also tomorrow, in The Sunday Times Magazine,

a profile of Nick Faldo in

the week he attempts to

regain his Open golf title

The Ridley furore

German press reacts with outrage over prejudices and fears

From Girard Steichen in bonn and Our Foreign Staff

comments about Germany's 'The wogs begin in Calais'." alleged designs for an economic takeover of Europe.

had a front page banner value, if it ever carried weight, headline saying: "Maggie's His outburst and macabre choice of words clearly exposed the raw nerve in

Munich, said that Margaret Thatcher would be forced to Rundschau wrote that the dismiss the minister. "Mr remarks could not be simply Ridley's comments cannot be simply dismissed as the ex-treme views of a 'little the prejudices that came out of Englishman'. Influential Conservatives have already de- and prejudices that are shared manded his resignation. by many of his countrymen.

Downing Street, irritated by The island has yet to fully the enormous public reaction, ordered him to disavow the remarks - as if that could change the fact that he uttered them. Mrs Thatcher quickly distanced herself ... But distancing alone is not enough because Ridley was too often viewed as the mouthpiece of going to have to dispatch

The conservative Die Welt wondered how Mr Ridley drunks tell the truth. On a could face his European more serious note: the anticounterparts after the remarks. "With what face - he ister of Thatcher's cabinet are has already lost his own — will scandalous ... To compare Mr Ridley appear at the the democratic Germany with bargaining table with poli-that of Hitler is deeply, deeply ticians in Bonn after remarks unfair. To say Europe is a such as 'German swindle' and German trophy is either sheer outrages about a German plot

THE West German press yesterday reacted with universal outrage to Nicholas Ridley's meaning to the British saying

General-Anzeiger, of Bonn, noted: "Mr Ridley's word will The mass circulation Bild in future have much less Suddeutsche Zeitung, of London's Downing Street"

The liberal Frankfurter dismissed as isolated rantings. federal republic, the growing German self-assurance and the flag waving in Berlin. This will take time."

The West Berlin tabloid BZ asked: "Was it whisky or was it ale? Or was Her Majesty's his boss. Mrs Thatcher is minister for industry and trade simply loaded? But even German statements by a min-

ill-will or simply ignorance." to take over all of Europe?"

The newspaper said that outraged voices were not enough. "The tone makes the "London Minister's

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Speaking for England

Face of controversy: the cover of the magazine that lanached a storm of European anger and protest

Anglo German group

keeps its counsel

By JOHN YOUNG

SIR Frank Roberts, president matter," Sir Frank said. "We

of the Anglo German Associ- may have lots of different

but thought it unlikely that the a part of Mr Ridley's constit-

association would want to make any further comment.

"We have not had any demands from our members to make a statement," he said.

"Ar Norther's constitute a part of Mr Ridiey's constitute association would want to make a Gloucestershire, travelled to Germany yesterday on a prearranged visit to Tewkesbury's twin town of Miesbach in Bavaria.

ley said, it would of course ish division of a German

have been quite a different company based in the town.

terday described Mr Ridley's appropriate to air them."

ation and a former British

ambassador in Bonn, yes-

remarks as most regrettable,

demands from our members to make a statement," he said.

"We don't sit in judgment. We

are satisfied that the prime

minister has said everything

that needs to be said in

disowning Mr Ridley's views,

and Mr Ridley himself has

"So far as I know, the

foreign secretary has indicated

that there is nothing more to

"If the Prime Minister had

said that she entirely agreed with everything that Mr Rid-

withdrawn his remarks.

In The Netherlands the press was disturbed by Mr Ridley's ideological proximity to the prime minister. De Volkskrant, of the centre-left,

In Spain, El Pais said the remarks highlighted above all deep divisions in the cabinet over European policy. These could only undermine the more conciliatory efforts towards the European question Hurd and John Major. More disturbingly, Mr Ridley's outburst reflected "the profound mistrust - a mixture of hatred, envy and fear - that the

In Italy, papers did not take the remarks as serious ex-pressions of the British government's position, but some suggested that they reflected the repressed common fears of certain members of the Conservative party. The authoritative Turin daily La Stampa wrote that "the anti-European fringe within the British government and the financial and political establishment has come out into the open with a

to the premier". The Milan daily Corriere Della Sera, under a headline reading "This Germany reminds me of Hitler", described Mr Ridley's interview as "astounding and brutally

frank, in total contempt of the most elementary diplomacy".

tongue is loosely fixed". East German radio commented that Mr Ridley had obviously been indulging in the long-standing privilege of British parliamentarians — "long liq-uid lunches" — and wondered whether the outburst could be traced back to the defeat of England by Germany in the

World Cup.
Hans-Jürgen Möhring, deputy editor of the country's foreign affairs journal Horizont and a leading com-mentator on East German-British relations, said that he understood Mr Ridley's fears. "A united Germany will inevitably take on a very powerful role in Europe and its potential is still unpredictcome to terms with the able," he said. "It is not impending enlargement of the unreasonable to fear the emerable," he said. "It is not gence of German chauvinism and radicalism from both the right and the left."

In Belgium, the press revelled in Europe's favourite caricature of the haughty Englishman but also detected more serious signs of British historical isolationism towards Europe. La Libre Bel-gique accused Mr Ridley of "dragging Bonn, Paris and Brussels through the mud".

Le Soir called him "a hardened nationalist and anti-European", caricaturing him as "a gentleman-farmer from the shires, for whom Europe seems as distant as New Zealand". His closeness to Mrs Thatcher was a source of serious concern, however.

The authoritative Flemish daily De Standaard said Mr Ridley's remarks were "an annoying traffic accident on the road to Europe". The minister belonged to a "picture-book from the Victorian era", but his minority views had showed how a concern for sovereignty could find a danerous expression in anti-German emotion.

said it believed that "perhaps this all had to be said in the open at some point, and maybe it is what Mrs Thatcher was thinking herself".

British harbour towards the

mad attack by the minister of industry". It points out that "Ridley among the ministers, is the one ideologically closest

In France, Le Monde said the minister's outburst simply demonstrated that "it is possible to be an aristocrat without ever becoming a gentleation in Twyning, near Tewkesbury, and is also managing director of the Britwhether Mrs Thatcher secretly shared the "fears and prejudices" expressed by her

European Community united by prejudice and xenophobia

views within the association.

but I don't think it would be

The Mayor of Tewkesbury,

The trip by Brenda Evans

and five other people from the

area was organised by Tewkes-

bury's Twinning Association

whose vice-chairman, John Monaghan, criticised Mr Rid-

ley's remarks. "He has done

Mr Monaghan is chairman

of the Conservative associ-

untold damage and must now

resign," he said.

ALTHOUGH Britain now report, which concludes that ment and 41 per cent see them stands in the dock accused of racism even at ministerial evel, as a result of Nicholas Ridley's remarks, a European that the British are by no means the most xenophobic

The West Germans and the difficulties living with the presence of foreigners, according to an EC census Racism, xenophobia and intolerance. published last November.

people in Europe.

Xenophobia in Belgium and West Germany is levelled primarily at other Europeans. The British, the Danes, the French and the Dutch however think more of non-Europeans, notably immigrants from former colonies.

No single country is exonerated by the findings of the believe they boost unemploy- favours greater rights.

"one European in three be- as a cause of delinquency. On lieves there are too many people of another nationality or race in his country". Dislike Community survey shows of the presence of foreigners is directly linked to their sense of national pride, the survey says. Those who do not meet property prices. foreigners in their jobs are just Belgians have the greatest as intolerant towards them as

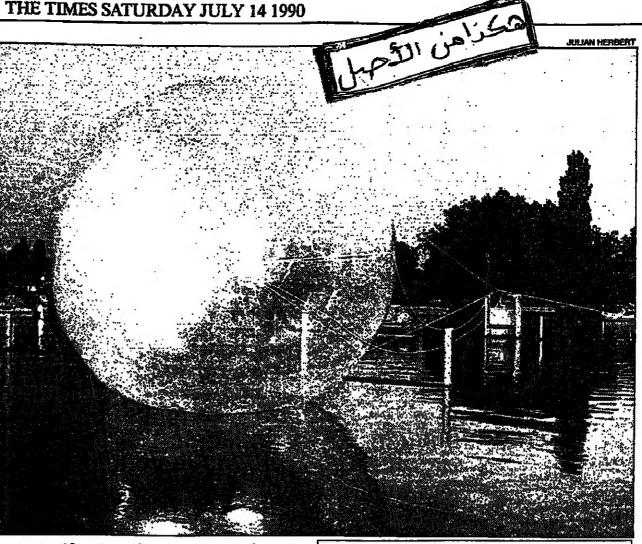
those who do. One in three EC citizens have regular contact with foreigners. A quarter of all Britons surveyed believe that foreign children lower the standards tently cleaner record. While one in two Europeans

of education and 30 per cent of West Germans share the same views, as do 59 per cent of Spaniards. Some 26 per cent itive influence in their counof Britons believe foreigners exploit social security benefits, 14 per cent are baffled by their customs, 29 per cent is the only EC state which

marriage 43 per cent of the British population believe a fail, 42 per cent are wary of them as neighbours and 27 per cent dislike their affects. cent dislike their effect on

The figures are higher in every case for Spain, Portugal, The Netherlands and Luxembourg, while the percentages are equal or greater in all cases but one for West Germany, France and Ireland, Denmark is the only one with a consis-

believe foreigners are a postry, most Britons believe their rights should be maintained, not expanded. Italy, however,



A little light music floats over the water

SIMON Desorgher playing the water. Inside it Mr his flute inside a 25ft transpar-ent plastic sphere suspended of the Spheres" which is

The sphere, about the size of a small house, was made by two artists, Peter Jones and

above the Thames at Henley- transmitted to the river bank on-Thames, Oxfordshire. His audience by 10 loudspeakers. music is part of the town's He is backed up by lasers, festival of arts and music, smoke machines and under-

The festival includes a floating orchestra and wandering minstrels. The audience joins Lynne Dickens, and is sus-pended on cables 12ft above straw boaters and ballgowns. in the atmosphere by wearing

Genetic breakthrough

Scientists find clue to nervous disease

By Thomson Prentice, science correspondent

Dr Alıson Colley, a research

registrar at the neurofibroma-

tosis clinic at St Mary's Hos-

pital, Manchester, said: "The

disease has a baffling variety

symptoms."

RESEARCHERS have identi- search, said yesterday that the serious problems at an earlier fied the gene believed to be discovery was of huge im- stage, allowing us to offer responsible for a form of portance. John Blackwell, the better treatment." neurofibromatosis, an in-curable disease of the central said: "It opens the way to nervous system which affects finding a way to treat the about 20,000 people in disease itself rather than the Britain.

The dsicover, which raises hopes of diagnostic tests and new treatments, was described yesterday as the most important advance for years in the control of the disorder. The findings about the condition, also known as NF1 and Von Recklinghausen's disease, were published in two journals yesterday.

American scientists led by Francis Collins, professor of internal medicine and human genetics at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at Michigan University, reported in the Science journal that children of parents with the defective gene stand a 50 per cent chance of developing the

The symptoms range from mild skin blemishes to tumours which can become malignant. The researchers found that almost half the NF1 cases are due to a new genetic mutation which occurs at about the time of conception. Another team, led by Professor Raymond White of Utah University, has also identified the gene and re-ported its findings in the Cell iournal.

The Collins group worked with scientists in Toronto last year to identify the cystic fibrosis gene. They used the same approach, called reverse genetics or positional cloning. The Neurofibromatosis Asseciation, a British charity which raises funds for re-

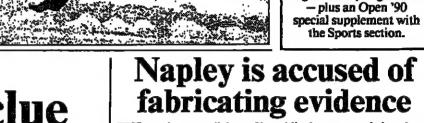
Former pit chief sues Scargill

THE former chief executive of the National Union of Mineworkers has been given leave in an Irish court to sue Arthur Scargill and The Sunday Times for libel (Ray Clancy

Roger Windsor disclosed details of the union's financial affairs during the 1984-85 miners' strike, which led to allegations that money was received from Libya. In an affidavit read by Paul Carney, every means at his disposat". The miners' leader had made allegations of fraud, "which are false and highly defamatory", that had been published by several newspapers.

Mr Windsor is also suing The Sunday Times over an article published last year with the headline "Scargill man in fraud riddle". He is bringing the proceedings in Ireland because "the solicitor I have most confidence in" practises

Mr Scargill said last night he had not yet received notice of any legal proceedings.



The former president of the Law Society said he would report the allegation, made by John Chadwick, QC, for the prosecution, to the Bar Council, the barristers' governing • Doctors at Tennessee University have successfully car-ried out a form of gene transfer therapy on a boy suffering from muscular dys-trophy, an inherited disorder which affects one in 3,000 that the suggestion was not "warranted or sensible".

Referring to Olivier Roux. Guinness's former finance director, he said the sugges-Dr Peter Law and colleagues report in The Lancet of symptoms. The gene re-search should tell us why some a safe and effective way of fected than others, and may which is carried by women but

THE eminent solicitor Sir ridiculous to put it in a letter David Napley was accused in to Mr Roux's own solicitor the Guinness fraud trial yes- which, as far as we knew. terday of fabricating evidence. would never again have seen the light of day."

Sir David had been called back for further questioning at Southwark Crown Court, where Ernest Saunders, former Guinness chairman and body. Sir David was told he chief executive, Gerald Ronhad tried to mislead solicitors son, head of Heron Internatacting for the prosecution's ional, Anthony Parnes, a prime witness. He retorted stockbroker, and Sir Jack Lyons, a financier, deny 24 counts, including theft, false accounting and breaches of

the Companies Act. Sir David, the third witness tion was based on nothing to give evidence for Mr more than the "uncorrobo-rated evidence of a self-confessed liar". He added: "If part of it being cross-examanyone wants to fabricate ined by Mr Chadwick. The something, it would be quite trial continues on Monday.

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Examiner is dismissed for wrong grades

admitted that ten pupils from a West Country school had been wrongly downgraded in their examinations, it was

school asked the Southern Examining Group to investigate in September, the pupils' grades remained unchanged for nine months because of examiners' delays.

A report issued by the group last December at the school's request said there was no need to re-mark the business studies papers of 21 pupils. The group had already request for their papers to be re-marked.

According to Richard but the school could have Pallant, the school's head-master, the group agreed place rather than a report." several weeks later to re-mark the 21 examination papers. Despite Mr Pallant's repeated requests for information, the year had requested a re-mark examiners admitted their mis-Of those, 320 had been take only in May, when upgraded.

A GCSE examiner has been another eight pupils had their dismissed after his board results upgraded. One pupil received a good pass mark after originally being failed.

Mr Pallant said yesterday that he was delighted by the The children, from Churchill School in Avon, received poorer results than expected in GCSE business studies papers last June. Although the credibility of these boards is only serves to undermine it.

"The pupils would have been unable to qualify for courses they wanted and it is was fortunate that none has suffered any lasting damage to

Last night, the examining group, based at Guildford, said an apology had been made to the school for the improved the grades of two delay. "The original marker of candidates at Churchill after parents made an independent for us again. The process of remarking did take far longer than we would have hoped, but the school could have asked for a re-mark in the first

> It said that only 2,800 out of a million GCSE candidates examined by the group last



INVESTIGATORS and fire brigade officers inspect the remains of a belicopter which crashed near Stanley, Co Durbam, yesterday, killing the bead

of Wheian Construction and his wife. Pat and Margaret Whelan, were travelling in an aircraft piloted by Ms Whelan, aged 49, when the tragedy happened (Rouald Faux writes). Mr Whelan and his wife, aged 40, had just taken off from a field near a restauran: and equestrian complex when the

belicopter hit a crashed in a ball of fire. A Civil Aviation Authority team yesterday began an investigation.

Witnesses said the rear rotor of the Bell Jet Ranger helicopter clipped a 20,000 volt power cable 30ft above the ground. The cable snapped and broke off the tailfin of the aircraft, which spiralled into a field and exploded. Superintendent Ned Lawson, of Durham police, said Phil Moyser, a

tractor driver, was working in a field as the helicopter took off. "The occupants of the helicopter were acquainted with the tractor driver and we think that the accident. Their attention might have been distracted."

upon Tyne, had a turnover of £17.6 million up to last December. The company operates on sites throughout

Lord lieutenant's gamekeeper fined £600 for using pesticide

was fined £600 yesterday after a red kite, one of Britain's rarest birds of prey, was poisoned by a banned pesticide.

not exclude the possibility that the Endrin had killed the red kite and gun dog, but it had not been proved to "criminal standards".

He said Noble was a beginning the said Noble was a beginn

The red kite was one of 11 released last year in a joint effort by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the Nature Conservancy Council to reintroduce the bird into areas where it was once

common.

The bird, fitted with a radio transmitter, was found dead on the Gatley Park estate, near Leominster, Hereford and Worcester, of Captain Thomas Dunne, the lord lieutenant. It had died from poisoning by Endrin, banned

John Noble, aged 41, the gamekeeper, pleaded guilty at Hereford Magistrates' Court two weeks ago to storing Endrin and using it in a bait, a in the death of the red kite and a champion gun dog.

Four other gamekeepers and a farmer were fined at the time a total of £8,000 for offences involving the storage and use of the pesticide. Noble's case was adjourned to yesterday, when the second charge was amended to using Endrin. David Matthews, for

A GAMEKEPPER on the estate of the Lord Lieutenant of Hereford and Worcester the Endrin had killed the red

gamekeeping experience after 22 years in the Army and he had not realized the toxicity of the chemical or that it was banned. The court had heard that Endrin had been used to kill foxes that attacked young pheasants being reared for

Mr Matthews said Noble had disagreement with some people in the course of his duties and believed that an attempt may have been made baits. Five gun dogs had been poisoned and one, a labrador named Rosie, which was judged the Midlands top re-

triever in 1988, had died. Chris Harrison, for prosecution, said Noble admitted to police that he used Endrin after 54 pheasants were killed by a fox and that he thought the chemical was an essential part of gamekeeping. Noble was fined £250 for storing Endrin and £350 for using it and ordered to pay £314 costs.

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Traps and poison are the old image

their number for using a barned pasticide to kill pred-ators will revive the outdated image that they are employed solely to protect game for shooting by rich landowners (Craig Seton writes).

Alan Jones, an investig tions officer for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, said after the Hereford convictions that some gamekeepers were still using the illegal techniques of 150 years ago, including shooting, trapping and poisons.

ping and poisons.

However Ian Grindy, head gamekeeper of a Lancashire estate, who is employed by a syndicate that shoots pheasants, partridge and wildfowl, said yesterday that the notion of the ceaseless war of gamekeepers against traditional predators like the fox and birds of prey was dving out as 23 00th magnifest industries. birds of prey was dying out as 23,000 members, including

Mr Grindy, aged 40, learn his craft on a Suffolk estate where his tutor, a traditional gamekeeper, might well have been prepared to use pole traps to catch owls and gin traps to prevent foxes attacking the landlord's pheasants.

He believes that most gamekeepers today shun illegal methods of destroying pred-ators and should be regarded as modern conservationists. more likely to be equipped with a City and Guilds certifi-cate than ancient country lore.

"Nowadays we are responsible for forestry and woodland, which encourage wildlife and the methods of rearing pheasants for shooting are different," Mr Grindy said. 'Vermin control is only important at critical times of the year. We have a live and let

BRITAIN's gamekeepers fear that the conviction of five of an animal is literally threatening our living. We use a high-velocity rifle to kill foxes."

He believed it was time the public realised the conservation work of gamekeepers, particularly against budger baners, egg thieves and

"My boss has to pay for this work. I took over here nine years ago and in the first three years I had my nose broken twice, four or five broken ribs and threatening phone calls.
These people, who come out of the critics, left a tailor's dummy at the end of my drive

about half Britain's number. Charles Nodder, of the conser vancy, said most gamekeepe worked for shooting sy dicates. There were very few private shoots now.

He said: "All birds of prey are protected. The image of gamekeepers killing birds of prey is one we can well do without. There is nothing like the degree of control of pred-ators that there was in the early part of this century."

Last year the Game Conservancy had been instrumental in an agreement under which employers had to ensure that every employee strictly ob-served the law, Mr Nodder said. A gamekeeper who used illegal methods could expect to be sacked.

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Peace plan for Nato's energies

By RAY CLANCY

THE Archbishop of Canter-bury said yesterday that weapons of war, no longer needed because of widespread disarmament, should be con-verted for use in time of great

Dr Robert Runcie told a one-day conference in London on disaster relief that Nato's great energies and engines of defence were uniquely able to perform acts for the goodwill of mankind and of the

"What is to happen to all these military trucks, radios, econnaissance aircraft, helicopters, recovery vehicles and their drivers?" he asked. "Should we scrap them or can ome be switched to combat the common enemies of mankind, starting with disasters and their prevention but perhaps also the wider range of environmental threats to the survival of our planet."

Dr Runcie criticised the lack of international coordination for disaster relief in emergencies such as floods and earthquakes and called for joint action across the world. "It is something we can achieve if we really want to and are willing to start think-ing about how to do it," he

Last night the Red Cross.

Return to rates sealed by Labour

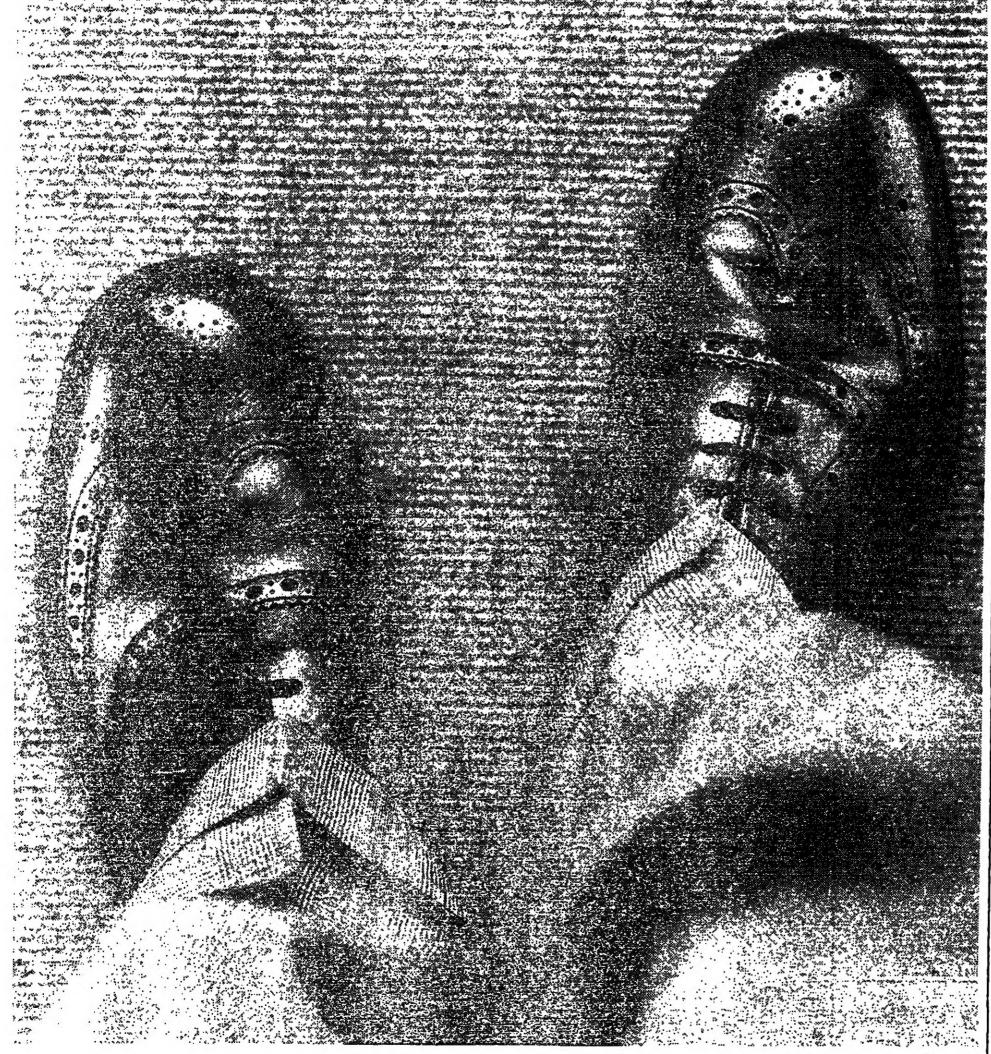
By NICHOLAS WOOD POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ABOUR'S return to the rat-

ing system has been scaled by the decision of party leaders to reintroduce generous rate rebates as the means of ref-lecting people's ability to pay. Labourse economic sub-committee has abandoned proposals to link the party's new property tax to the in-come tax system, after it was told that it would take five years to engineer. Labour is preparing to unveil a modern-ised version of the rating system as its alternative to the poll tax. Rateable values will be used as the basis for calculating liability to the new tax rather than capital values. The leadership is also considering a plan to promise a royal commission on local government structure and financing after a general elec-tion victory. It would examine proposals for regional assem-bits in Example 2

blies in England. The community charge would be quickly swept away by an incoming Labour government and replaced with the revised version of the rates.

Bryan Gould, the Oppoition's chief environment Mn. will probably unveil his scheme a few days after Chris Patten, the environment secretary, announces the outcome of the cabinet



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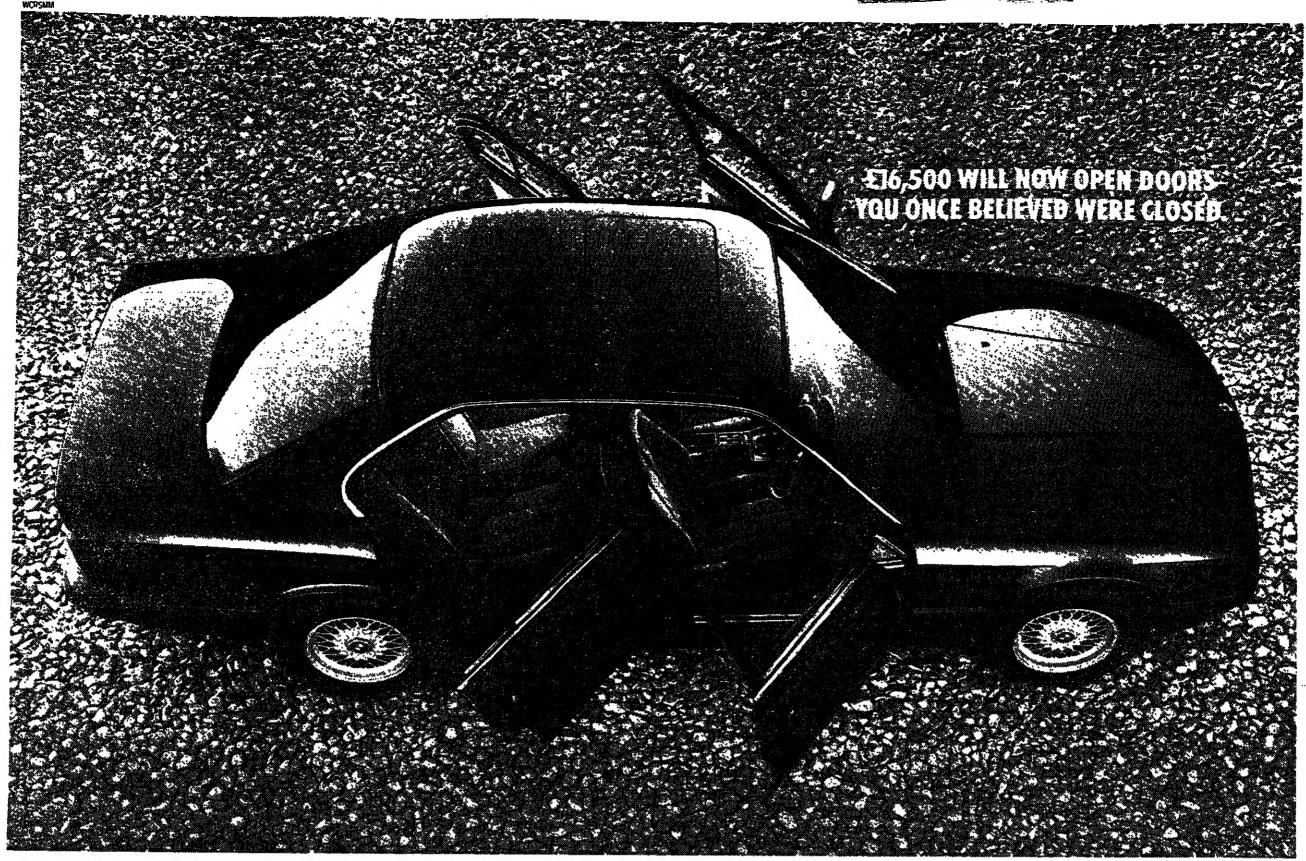
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by Laher

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Holiday gloom for late bookers as firms are sold out

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

TOUR operators who reduced the number of package holi-days on sale this summer by about 25 per cent may have than than a quarter of a million people with nowhere to go and no aircraft available to get them there.

Within the past two weeks a sudden and unexpected surge in bookings, which appears to have coincided with renewed confidence in Britain's economic future, the strengthening pound and even England's comparative success in the World Cup, has virtually cleared travel agents' shelves of remaining holidays be-tween now and the autumn.

Those tour operators who are attempting to meet the demand by chartering addi-tional flights are being turned down by the airlines who were forced months ago to lease 20 jets to other parts of the world not so badly affected by the early slump in holidays. Not that the tour companies appear to be worried about the possible shortage. For it means those holidays which are left will be sold at the full rate compared with the giveaway prices late bookers could obtain last year when tour operators arranged far too many and scrambled at the last minute to off-load them almost at any price.

Lunn Poly first rang the alarm bells after a countrywide survey carried out at the end of last month. It disclosed that an anticipated 280,000 potential late booking holiday-makers could face disappointment. The independtended to book late but there were only 1.4 million holidays left for sale - and since then the numbers of people seeking bolidays have increased.

"It really took off on Thurs-day of last week," Roger Heape, managing director of Intasun, said. Our bookings last week were 50 per cent higher than at the same time last year and yet our availability was 25 per cent less. We are, therefore, heading for a situation where a lot of people are not going to be able to get away in the near future."

Thomson Holidays reported almost the same pat-tern. "If anyone wants to go on holiday this August they are not going to get their first choice and may be completely disappointed," a spokesman said. "We had to decide last September how many holidays we would offer this summer and reduced the number from 2.4 million to two million. It appeared that this would be almost exactly right until last week when days remains to be seen.

there was a sudden rush.

decided at exactly the same time that there is now a dimmer of light at the end of tunnel and with the strengthening pound making foreign holidays generally cheaper they chose to book."

The Association of British Travel Agents said that although there will be many empty beds in Spain, especially because the total number of holidays on sale has dropped, there will be no aircraft available to take potential holiday-makers to them and no crews to man them even if they could be brought back in time.

Even the expensive long-haul holidays which tradition-ally do not sell well in the height of summer have taken

Whether the last few days of real summer and the continuing high inflation rate dulls the appetite for foreign holi-



Snap happy: Some of the 1,900 children in the Caribbean musical Anansi demonstrate photo-taking abilities at rehearsals. The children come from 47 schools and are under the direction of the theatre company Chicken Shed. The show will be performed at the Albert Hall tanight

Birmingham airport takes off as Britain's travel hub

heading for Birmingham, which is rapidly developing into Britain's travel hub (Har-

As plans to build a highspeed rail link from Paddington to Heathrow become bogged down in the parliamentary timetable, business and charter travellers are

ellers are forsaking congested road and rail and providing and to American airlines to the local airline, Birmingham investors. Heathrow and Gatwick and the nine local authorities who own Birmingham airport with windfall profits from the fastest growing main airport in

The airport, which is spending £100 million on additional facilities to cope with the increased demand, is confident of further expansion

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operate transatlantic services. Last year the number of

passengers using Birmingham grew by 19 per cent, in spite of marked drop in charter traffic as airlines throughout Europe flocked to take advantage of the surge in demand.

The sudden popularity of Birmingham as a centre from

European Airways. The number of passengers on its flights has risen from 50,000 in 1988 to an anticipated 250,000 this year, enabling it to open several new routes including one to Stockholm, which will be started in September. The airline is 40 per cent owned by

British Airways, 40 per cent by Maersk, a Danish company,

"Birmingham is geographi-

cally the centre of England, the coming together of all the motorways and railway lines," Jorn Eriksen, BEA managing director, said. "We have a huge eight million catchment area stretching from Luton in the southeast to Lincoln and Humberside, west to the Welsh border and north to Telford and Stoke."

British Airways is concentrating on developing a £60 million "Eurohub" terminal at Birmingham, which is due to open in a year. It believes that almost two million passengers will be using its services from Birmingham within the next few years.

Edward Taylor, head of marketing at the airport, said: "With the success of the rapid development of commerce and industry in the region and the growth of the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham has suddenly been recognised as a natural hub for business. Holidaymakers from a vast area of Britain find it far more convenient to travel to us than to any of the existing airports in the

THOUSANDS of air trav- heading to the Midlands by additional rights to British cities has provided a boost to and 20 per cent by private its to the local authorities ellers are forsaking congested road and rail and providing and to American airlines to the local airline, Birmingham investors. the previous year.

The rapid growth of Bir-mingham is proving particularly galling to BAA, which is becoming increasingly frus-trated at the slow progress of its own plans to improve road

the Civil Aviation Authority next week is likely to argue for the urgent development of a new runway in the southeast to cope with a predicted doubling of air traffic within the next 10 years. The government is unlikely to want to tackle the problem before the next general election, adding still further to Birmingham'a attraction in the run-up to the single European market in

Two suspected IRA members will be put on trial in Düsseldorf on August 16 in connection with attacks against British forces in West Ger-many, officials said yesterday (Girard Steichen writes).

and rail access to Heathrow. A report to be published by British army barracks in Duisburg in 1988. McGeough will

Airports and airlines upset

airport was £36 million comthe previous financial year, per cent were upset by the providing £7.8 million of prof-delay itself."

Terence Gerard McGeough and Gerard Thomas Hanratty will face charges of attempted murder after ten soldiers were

also be charged in connection with an attack on a Nato base in Mönchengladbach in 1987. **Rest for Prince** The Prince of Wales has

their passengers more for fail-ing to give information about the cause of delays than do the delays themselves, according to a survey. Tony Farrell, UK passenger sales manager for North Sea Ferries, who commissioned the survey from Gallup, said: "Most bolidaymakers expect to be delayed but they are not kept Turpover last year at the cent complained about not being given enough informapared with £29.5 million in tion when delayed, while 70

bursement" each week to the

At Birmingham prison

where two-thirds of the 980

inmates are unemployed, a company is considering the

provision of work training for

people convicted of sex of-fences. The scheme is part of a

programme sponsored by British Telecom and eval-

Of the 49,600 prisoners last year, 22,898 were employed each day, and 2,492 were on vocational training courses.

Opportunities for work have

also fallen over the past 20

years. The average working week of prison workshops was

21 hours in 1988-89, com-

pared with 28 hours in 1972.

uated by the Apex Trust.

prison department.

two weeks ago.

Mountain death Mark Bolton, of Nottingham died in an mountain-climbing accident in the Mont Blanc region of France on Thursday. Police say falling rocks hit him

Trial date

for IRA

suspects

injured in a bomb attack at a

cancelled all his engagements

next week on medical advice.

He is recuperating at home in Gloucestershire, after break-

ing his arm in a polo match

Police over st

Drugs arrests

Hertfordshire police have charged four people with drugs and public order offences after various drugs were seized at a pub and a wine bar in Watford on Thursday night.

Flood protection A £16 million scheme to raise the flood banks has started to protect 1,000 homes and 30,000 acres of rich, farming land in the Cambridgeshire

Arson charges

and west Norfolk fens.

Jane Salveson, aged 36, of west Kensington, London, has been remanded in custody charged with arson after a fire at the home of her former boy friend, Michael Stevens, in

Israel enquiry

Two British MPs, Emina Nicholson and Kate Hoey, are going to Israel this weekend to investigate charges that the Israeli army is ill-treating Palestinian children on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Oldest graduate

Dorothy Sidebottom, aged 79, of Cheadle, Cheshire has become the oldest graduate of Manchester University. She Letters, page 13 has won a degree in theology.

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Training and jobs urged for prisoners

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT substantially larger "reim-

FIRMS could provide more training and employment for prisoners to benefit themselves and the community, according to a report to be published next week. Many inmates re-offend when they are set free because of their frustration at not working, it

In a letter published in The Times today, five peers, including Lord Ezra, former chairman of the Coal Board, and Lord Murray of Epping Forest, former TUC general secretary, strongly criticise the level of idleness among prisoners. They also call for greater private sector involvement, saying that Britain can no longer afford the costs of unproductive imprisonment

and rising crime". The report, to be published by the Apex Trust, a charity which promotes employment opportunities for prisoners, highlights innovative schemes launched at jails in the Midlands with the help of the private sector. Employers are providing work and training for motivated inmates outside jail and, in a few cases, inside.

Taylor Woodrow Construction, which provides work for about half a dozen inmates on a building site near Featherstone jail, outside Wolver hampton, Staffordshire, said yesterday that it found the prisoners keen and willing, although it had to screen out applicants who simply wanted an opportunity to break the tedium of jail life.

Ian Leake, regional industrial relations manager for the contractor's Midlands subsidiary, said: "Unfortunately, we have more prisoners applying for posts than we have places available, but those who have been taken on have proved good workers."

Immates are chosen through character references by prison staff and an interview conducted by the firm, Successful candidates are paid £25 a week, compared to average weekly earnings of £2.60 for inmates employed in prison service workshops. Taylor Woodrow also makes

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Idyll of old England recoils at coal wagon

BERKSWELL is unequivo-cally a handsome village. It nestles in the very heart of England, in the Meriden Gap that divides Binniahan Valuables British Coal that divides Birmingham Leicestershire. British Coal from Coventry, and it boasts emphasised the need to ex-42 listed buildings, among ploit new energy sources and them a Norman church with a the measures it would take to Tudor vestry, a working forge, landscape the surroundings, a 16th-century public house, a avoid nuisance and disruption museum and an abundance of and keep dust and dirt under half-timbered cottages.

control. Its name is said to derive Mr Terry Liggins, chairman from a well belonging to a of the Berkswell Society, is not Saxon lord called Bercul and convinced by British Coal's the original well is situated reassurances, however. "The near the church. Docu- noise and traffic during the reassurances, however. "The mentary records date back to construction period will be the early 14th century and a intolerable," he says. "Although it is a very deep seam, there will still be very severe States for the most attractive subsidence. We are very wor-"off the beaten track" village ried about dust pollution and, although British Coal have said there will be no spoil heaps and that they will dispose of all the waste in old sand and gravel diggings, there

Unlike many villages, it still has a thriving shop and post is simply not enough space." Fay Cairns, the society's secretary, says that construction would take 10 years and might not start for another 10 years. In the meantime, the village would remain blighted. Only half a mile away at Many people have already Hawkhurst Moor, British moved away, fearing that the Coal wants to sink a pit to character of the village will mine one of the richest seams change, she says,

Perhaps the strongest case against the mine is that the coalfield. A four-month public green belt between Coventry narrowest and most vulneronment has yet to reach a able in Britain. It has already



Alison Negus and Dr David Stableforth, opponents of the mine, in the threatened village of Berkswell

and by Birmingham airport and there is talk of a highand Birmingham is one of the technology complex. Berkswell and Hampton-in-Arden are the only two remaining

cludes ancient woodland and bird sanctuaries.

One reason for the delay in reaching a decision is thought to be uncertainty about the decision on it. At the inquiry been intruded upon by the real villages in the area, where future of energy policy. The much the same arguments National Exhibition Centre unspoiled countryside in-

soaring cost of Sizewell in dioxide emission. Originally Suffolk has done little for the most of the coal from the cause of nuclear energy but equally the building of coalfired power stations is unpopular because of concern about sulphur and carbon said to be in doubt.

proposed Berskwell pit was intended for Didcot power station in Oxfordshire, but that station's future is now

Water firm fined £4,000 for fouling trout stream

A WATER company was taminated trout and salmon fined the maximum penalty of fisheries on the river Test £4,000 yesterday after admit- (Douglas Broom writes). ting wiping out the entire fish stretch of trout stream by allowing a water treatment chemical to flow into the river Worth, near Haworth, West Yorkshire.

Catherine Carter, for the prosecution, told magistrates in Keighley, West Yorkshire, that more than 250 dead trout and 600 other dead fish were brought out of the river near Yorkshire Water Services' Oldfield treatment plant.

The pollutant, ferric sulphate, caused the river's acidity to increase by up to 100,000 times and the iron level to rise 145 times above the safe level for fish.

Ms Carter said that the company was fined £1,000 in Sheffield last December for a liver and kidney damage. similar offence at Ewden

The firm, which admitted the charges, was fined the maximum of £2,000 on each offence and ordered to pay £631 costs.

The court was told that the company had paid £1,250 to restock the river with trout and was negotiating over possible compensation.

 The weedkiller most widely used by councils has been banned in parts of Hampshire after it was found to have con-

A similar ban was ordered population of a two-mile by Cambridgeshire county council last week in response to concern about levels of the chemical in drinking water. Atrazine is used by almost all local authorities as a general weedkiller on road verges, pavements, playing fields and uses it on railway lines.

Friends of the Earth, which has been calling for a ban on atrazine and its sister chemical simazine for more than two years, welcomed the Hamp-shire decision. Blake Lee-Harwood, the pressure group's water pollution campaigner, said that little was known about the long-term effects of the chemicals on humans but tests on rats had produced

The Association of County Councils said local authorities were considering banning atrazine as part of a nationwide "green audit" of chemicals in municipal use.

British Rail said altrazine was the only chemical suitable for killing weeds growing between the sleepers on railway tracks. However, it was not used close to sites of special scientific interest or

Leaving London?, page 20

Parliament

Police warned over standards of courtesy

police were warned by the Home Secretary yesterday that Londoners were entitled to a better standard of courtesy and service from their police force.

few years ago it won a competition in the United

Given the proximity of

Coventry and the industrial

West Midlands, it is wonder-

fully peaceful and unspoiled.

office, and home-made teas are served in the village hall.

For the past few years, however, Berkswell has been

under a monstrous cloud.

in Europe, part of the giant unexploited Warwickshire

inquiry was held last year, but

the Department of the Envir-

in Great Britain.

David Waddington was speaking during a Commons debate on policing in London. As a result of the commissioner's PLUS programme, a searching examination of the commissioner's participation of the commission of the c service the force could offer, he hoped to see an increased emphasis on victims, a better response to the public's priorities, better strategic planning and better value for money.

the thousands in the police force who already delivered a high quality service, but the aim was Worries were som

Opening the debate, Mr
Waddington said that while
most local authorities in London had an excellent record of
working constructively with the
police, five Labour-controlled
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There were subjected to undeserved and unfair criticism
which must sometimes make
There were some moblems. working constructively with the police, five Labour-controlled councils had, until recently, refused to cooperate with police consultative groups.

The Metropolitan Police were in a very real sense responsive to the people of London. Elected representatives could demand responses and at divisional level the police were closely in touch with the public through police consultative groups, lay visitor schemes and more informal contacts. "There is no doubt about responsibility and there is no doubt about the readiness to respond."

One problem in London was dilapidated housing estates, derepit Victorian houses and derelict shops which were all a breeding ground for crime, especially when they were side by side with leisure facilities which were run down because of the squeeze on local authority budgets.

At no time in recent history hard police morale been lower, nartly because of being over-The Metropolitan Police were

report made sober reading. Of government recognition of their particular concern was the inlarly where groups were special targets as a result of their age, sex, infirmity or the colour of their skins.

The Metropolitan police were to be congratulated on much of what they had achieved in the past year.

Mrs. Targets

The police were waging a constant and courageous strug-gle against crime. Seven per cent more crimes were cleared up last year than the year before and muggings fell by nine per cent.

To meet the great concern about violence to women, the and recommended police were improving facilities them in the chops for the treatment of victims of them in the groin".

incidents are being reported when clearly they were not in the past is also a significant indicator of public confidence in the force's ability to respond,"

A similar approach had been adopted on racial attacks. There were now 15 racial incident panels in London. Police success in encouraging victims to report attacks had been partly responsible for a 22 per cent increase in the statistics.

response to the public's priorities, better strategic planning and better value for money.

"Above all, I want to see improvements in basic standards of courtesy and service."

The public's priorities and service of the partnership between police and public, there were more than 10,000 neighbourhood watch schemes covering more than 1.3 million between police and pub watch services and the setting and public there were more than 1.3 million than accepting that change was necessary, they damaged morale of the thousands in the police force

Worries were sometimes exto ensure that all lived up to the standards of the majority, and the majority need not feel unappreciated.

Opening the debate, Mr

There were some problems,

When he named the five as Brent, Ealing, Hackney, Lambeth and Islington there were strong protests from Labour MPs. Mr Waddington said that if he was wrong about Islington, he withdraw his remarks unreservedly, but it was a poor reflection that some councils were not behaving as they should.

There were some problems, however, and the police were grappling with these.

Roy Hattersley, chief Opposition spokesman on home after, said that crime had risen in other cities because the additional burdens associated with policing the capital made extra demands on time and resources.

One problem in London was

partly because of being over-Mr Waddington said that the criminal statistics recorded by the commissioner in his annual burdens had not brought proper

The Metropolitan police were

Mrs Teresa Gorman (Bil-lericay, C) wanted the police to teach young women how to cope with attackers in their homes, on the streets, in cinemas or on the underground. She did not subscribe to the view that women should not fight back and recommended socking them in the chops or kneeing

for the treatment of victims of sexual assault and attacks in the home. There were now eight rape victim examination suites and 35 domestic violence units in London. There were 42 per cent more incidents of domestic violence last year than the year before.

"This is a terrible indication of what goes on behind closed" them in the groin".

"The following acts received royal assent: Entertainments (Increased Penalties); Licensing (Low Alcohol Drinks); Term and Quarter Days (Scotland); Access to Health Records; Violence Headgear for Young Riders); Gaming (Amendment); Social Security.

Royal birthday tribute

when the Commons agreed that the Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill), the prime minister, party leaders, and Sir Bernard Braine (father of the House), should, on their behalf, deliver a formal address of greetings.

nothing had endeared the public more than the decision of the capital during the blitz.

"The warmth of her own and other party leaders warmly congratulated the Queen Mother on her 90th birthday when the Common and that Royal Family across four generations. The Queen's realms and the Commonwealth owe her a debt that can never be

Mr Kinnock referred to Queen Elizabeth's personal The prime minister said that kindness and ability to make everyone feel special. Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat then King and Queen to share the hazards of the bomb-scarred in her ability to unite hearts and affections."

Compared to the level of inflation, over the last 4 years British Gas larifis have follow the following the last 4 years British Gas larifis have follow the following the

British Gas

Albania braces for a revolution waiting to happen

Albania's days are numbered as the last remaining bastion of orthodox communism in Europe, Charles Meynell, editor of East European News Letter, writes. He finds ominous comparisons between Ceausescu's Romania and the problems facing President Alia's regime.

ALBANIA is heading swiftly into revolution. Tinkering with the politburo of the atrophied communist Albanian Workers' party is almost irrelevant at this late stage. To the young Albanians crowding into the embassies in Tirana or meeting dejectedly in town squares, it matters not who is minister of light industry.

Albanians have watched East Europe's revolutions on their television screens. They do not intend to remain in a time warp in the centre of post-revolutionary Europe. It would be astonishing if they did not take to the streets now that the totalitarian ruling party has its back to the wall. Ramiz Alia, the hapless president, will be

Albanian peasant farmers want to do what they like with their goals and ancestors' land; engineers want to rejoin the technical world from which they have been barred for 45 years; intellectuals want freedom of speech and a cultural renaissance. Éverybody knows that the stalinist system adhered to by Hoxha during 40 years of despotism is unreformable, with or without Mr Alia.

That lesson has been learnt with a vengeance by the rest of Eastern Europe. Mr Alia, President Iliescu of Romania, and Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader in Yugoslavia, are yesterday's men.

One of the most astonishing aspects of the Albanian saga is that, from Hoxha's death in April 1985 to July 7 this year, the politburo remained exactly the same, as if petrified. The explanation is simple. Mr Alia is a weak personality, conditioned for years as a slave to Hoxha.

He has tried three times to introduce economic reforms over the past three years. Almost nothing has resulted, for he has failed to prevail over the closely

spiritual leader. Mr Alia's guarded criticisms of his country's ruthless Sigurimi secret police were nothing short of pathetic. His two reformist colleagues, Foto Cami, the ideology chief, and, to a lesser extent, Besnik Bekteshi, the economics chief, were publicly much more reformist two years ago than they are now. They, too, were cowed into silence.

Ismail Kadare, the best-known contemporary Albanian writer, whose literacy and intellectual credentials are genuine although he is a party member, summed it up in an interview in the Albanian youth paper. In reference to the police state, he said: "A criminal psychosis is one which drives a country, state or administration towards crime. Created by the darkest forces in a country, it is enthusiastically amplified by the

state's repressive apparatus ... "Blinded by their psychosis, and desperate to prove their perennial theory that without the state and themselves. Thus, as faithful dogs of the state, they become its destroyers.

The belated retirement from the politburo last week of Prokop Murra, the defence minister, and Simon Stefani, the interior minister, just as the communist party faced a terminal crisis, was another nail its coffin. Mr Murra was succeded by General Kico Mustaqi, his long-standing dep-uty, a former Sigurimi chief whom Hoxha put in charge of the army in 1982. Colonel Mustaqi has effectively run defence and sec-urity affairs for eight years.

Mr Stefani was succeeded by the pliant, unimaginative Hekuran Isai, another Hoxha protégé thrust forward, like the colonel, after Hoxha had Mehmet Shehu, the prime minister, killed in 1981.

Mr Alia does not have the ontion of acquiescing to a number of opposition demands. There is no organised opposition, and there are not specific demands. Alia has nobody to negotiate with. Instead he and his colleagues will face demonstrations all over the

country which will rapidly get out of hand. As those who know Albanians well will testify, once their tails are up, they will go for it: party offices will be ransacked, the Signrimi will be lynched (although not before they have fought back). and there will be a frightening power vacuum until a liberal intellectual with a commanding personality temporarily fills the void. Kadare?

It will probably be a roller-coaster of a revolution. But further ahead the prospects are good. Albanians are an exceptional people, as can be seen in the skills and prosperity of the diaspora, particularly in the United States. They are good at business, and they are among the most engaging people in Europe.

Across the Yugoslav border in Kosovo province, ethnic Albanians have shown great skill in establishing efficient parties to counter the annexation policy of the neo-stalinist Serbian comhuman resources, and is also potentially the richest country in Europe in terms of natural resources per capita: oil, hydroelectrical potential, base metals, chrome, good agricultural land, a wonderful climate, fine coastline and great tourist potential. Albania has it all. It will need a few billion dollars to get it going.

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With President Alia's regime already making overtures to Mos-cow (and to the United States), Britain will soon be the only Western country not to have diplomatic relations. Two British gunboats were mined in the Corfu Channel in 1946, leading to the breaking of relations and a judge-ment by the International Court in The Hague against Albania.

The latter refused to pay the damages awarded; Britain kept Albania's wartime gold. The court's evidence was shaky. A deal will surely be struck by the end of the year. Perhaps Britain could bid for the Stalin Museum in Tirana, a fine pillared portico it has too. It

light entertainment still had

more worthy programming to wade through. You make me

proud. Albania was a dis-

cussion programme about "the great patriot" Bajo Topulli, who died fighting the

Turks early this century. But it

was not quite as dull as it

There was a film reconstruc-

tion of Bajo Topulli's last

stand and an amusing bit

dictator, Enver Hoxha, paying homage at a Bajo Topulli

monument. Hoxha looked the

Topulli statue in the eye,

chuckled and patted him on

For anyone who had per-

severed this far, light enter-tainment was now finally available. Albanians could

watch a thriller starring

Franco Nero, set in Australia.

However, even here those

worrying about the lack of

ideological content could draw satisfaction. For a coun-

the cheek.

which showed Albania's late

Polish law abolishes state sector monopoly

From A Correspondent in Warsaw

enterprises.

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During Thursday's par-

Balcerowicz, the finance min-

ister and architect of the

economic stabilisation plan,

said that "we must make the

ownership transformations

faster than any country has

ever done before us", adding

that he did not hesitate to call

the law "a break-through

Poland has already taken

steps toward privatisation, es-

pecially of small businesses.

Around 8,000 shops have

already been transferred to

The decisive final vote

masked to some extent the

serious debate during the past

few months over the handover

of state assets. Some voices

have spoken out against what

was described as a return to

the robber-baron days of 19th-

Peasants' Party deputies

had strongly objected to the

measures because they gave

priority to employees in

purchasing their companies'

bonds and shares, which they

may do at half the market

Peasant Party historian, Jan

Warian, to vote down the bill

was overwhelmingly rejected

and the chamber agreed to an

amendment permitting farm-

ers also to get priority consid-

eration in firms with which

foreign investor purchases less

than 10 per cent of a Polish

"Our Western partners are.

waiting for a prompt start to privatization," Mr Balcero-

wicz said. "This will be proof

While parliament readily

agreed to the leap toward

capitalism, the public may

find it harder to swallow. . . government survey showed

cent "are ready to involve

The philosophy that the

state owns and runs every-thing had for four decades

turned industry in Poland and

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THE Polish parliament took a fillip, wage controls will be decisive step towards establishing a market-oriented economy yesterday by over-whelmingly passing a law to transfer state-owned properties into private hands.

The law, passed by the Sejm by 328 votes to two ith 39 abstentions, also aims at encouraging badly needed investment by foreign com-panies. The law, as the most comprehensive of its type in eastern Europe, provides a framework for 80 per cent of the economy to be transferred from state to private sector through the issue of "privatization bonds". These will be given a nominal value by the Sejm and distributed for people to purchase shares in a

To help people to raise capital, the law creates credit. loan and deferred payment incentives. As an additional

Deaths as Haiti boat capsizes

Miami - A wooden sail boat, tions emigrants, capsized while under tow by a Bahamian naval vessel, drowning at least 39 people, the Bahamas Government said (Alan Tomlinson writes).

A fisherman who helped bury the dead on a tiny desert island said that 48 people died on Tuesday off Staniel Cav. north of Great Exuma Island. The disaster was not made public until Thursday.

Sixty-seven survivors were taken to Nassau for deportation back to Haiti, together with 209 men, women and children from another Haitian boat intercepted near by.

Aids monkeys

Kampala - Uganda is to export 3.000 vervet monkeys to the Soviet Union to be used in research on Aids drugs being developed there, the official New Vision newspaper reported. (AFP)

Women priests

Dar es Salasm - Tanzania's that while only 11 per cent of Evangelical Lutheran Church, the people are totally against the largest Lutheran church in privatisation, a mere 3 per Africa, voted to ordain women priests, a church themselves actively in the source said. (Reuter)

Migrants boost Canberra - Australia an-

nounced changes in immigration points test for family and independent applicants which would boost the number of migrants by nearly 12,000 this | buildings where residents felt vear. (.4FP)

Haj action

Nicosia - Iran's leading judge Ayatollah Mohammad Ali Yazdi, said Tehran would lodge a complaint against Saudi Arabia with international courts over the death of 1.426 pilgrims in the haj tunnel tragedy. (Reuter)

Small change

Tokyo - A Japanese bank robber gave himself up after he discovered that his haul from the Kyoto Central Trust Bank turned out to be mostly fake notes. (Reuter)

After shocks

San Francisco - Nine months after an earthquake caused power blackouts and flattened elevated roads here, the Seton Medical Centre reported a 25 per cent increase in births. (Reuter)

lucky to hang on for six weeks. The Romanian revolution is probably a foretaste of what can be expected in Albania. Both countries were terrorised by a ruthless political police, both have been subjected to years of slavish personality cult. Until two weeks ago Enver Hoxha, the former leader, was eulogised daily. The differences between the two countries is that Mr Alia, in contrast to Nicolae Ceausescu, is quite popular, and the Albanian political élite does not flaunt its superiority and



While the coast is clear, a lifeguard in Timmendorf, a German resort on the Baltic, puts his feet up. But fine weather this weekend is expected to bring a flood of tourists to the popular coastline

Radicals outflank Gorbachev

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

present his impatient reform- with them as they could. ers with the scalp they had craved. Yegor Ligachev, the defiant advocate of collective farming, state ownership and central planning had been soundly defeated at a party congress regarded as the most

An amendment to the bill directs the government to outline the basic direction privatisation should take and tion and said that how the funds obtained from selling shares in state-owned The law also encourages foreign investment. For example, no special government permission is required if a

conservative on record. Within eight hours, however, the reformists had turned around without so much as a word of apprecia-Ligachev's scalp was not enough to keep them in the party. They wanted party and state posts to be separated, from the top downwards; they

HOW can anyone not feel just diktat of the majority over the the Communist party as a geration. This was not the big a little sympathy for President minority. Without further parliamentary party than the Gorbachev this weekend? For ado, some of the most colour-reformists could have dreamt 10 days he planned and cal-ful and considered reformers of when they founded their. How could it be when fewer culated and scolded and bar- in the party had gone, Democratic Platform group in than 100 delegates gained until finally on Thurs- announcing their intention of February. While the emotive their movement? day morning he was able to taking as much of the party principle of democratic cen-

Mr Gorbachev must have believed that he had given the radicals enough to keep them in the party. Why else should he have risked the defection of conservatives by destroying Mr Ligachev? The small print of the congress documents is evidence of how far he had moved towards the reformists even in the past three months. There is a commitment to

separate party and state, which is reinforced in the structure of the new leadership. Party organs will remain in the army and the KGB, but in a way designed to place wanted a full commitment to them on a par with organa parliamentary system and an isations of other parties. There of their announcement, the end to what they saw as the are far friendlier words about declared schism was an exag-

Democratic Platform leaders Vyacheslav Shostakovsky, right, Vladimir Lysenko,

left, and Vladimir Filin telling the press in Moscow of plans to form a new party

Democratic Platform group in than 100 delegates belonged to tralism may have been re- none the less, helped to make tained, the caveats make clear—the Democratic—Platform's that, in substance, it is dead. In practice, if not in words, Mr.

Gorbachev has also accepted the principle of a federal party. But for radicals whose tolerance for word play has been exhausted, promises were insufficient. Commitment to the separation of party and state, to parliamentarianism and

party democracy was not enough so long as Mr Gorbachev retained the party leadership and the presidency. They distrusted reforms which rested on an assumed discrepancy between words and deeds. Despite the drama

matically considered part of it by virtue of living in the Russian Federation. Those party organisations, if they voted to join the new Democratic Platform party en bloc, could take with them their premises, their publications and their subscriptions. so giving the new party a base infinitely stronger than that enjoyed by any political group except the ruling Communist party. This is why the Democratic Platform leaders have appealed to Communists not to hand in their party cards individually. Despite the group's poor representation at

walkout the Democratic Plat-

form had been threatening.

Two circumstances have,

statement potentially more

dangerous to the Soviet Com-

munist party than it might

have been; the formation of

the Russian Federation Com-

munist party last month and

the departure from the party

Federation party of the re-

puted conservative, Ivan

Polozkov, as its leader, has

given the planned breakaway

party a rich recruiting ground

in Russia. Dozens of urban

party organisations have

made clear that they do not

want to join the Russian party,

even though they are auto-

The election by the Russian

of Boris Yeltsin.

the congress, it is still aiming to split the party. Even though the circumstances for the Democratic Platform's proposed new party seem advantageous, the radicals may have left their move too late.

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Tirana stays silent on the refugee exodus

From Tim Judah, struga, southern yugoslavia

AS THOUSANDS of refugees in foreign embassies began their journeys to the West, Albanian television news made a conscious decision: this was not news.

Far more interesting were the activities of the people of Puka, a small northern town. The newscaster reported that some of its inhabitants had gone on a picnic and a film report showed them playing

But to be fair, Puka was not in the headlines. These were dominated by the telegrams. Ever since Tirana's refugee crisis began, President Alia has been receiving telegrams. From far and wide, from factory and village, they have been pouring in and it appears that almost every single one is being read on television.

Supportive messages have showered President Alia since refugees began packing into Tirana embassies.

A group of university students and intellectuals assured the government they were "at one with the party", and that they would "fight for the independence of Albania". A factory near Tirana said: "All our enemies will be destroyed."

Even the residents of Puka found time to send a telegram, *We agree with the opening of private shops," it read.

The television is also filled with intellectuals' comand "hooligan" situation, as it is referred to.

Prec Zogac, a poet, told the country that those who were leaving "would be sorry pretty soon"

He also noted that among poets and writers there had been "no dissidents", but it is unlikely that this was being offered as evidence of the efficiency of the dreaded secret police, the Sigurimi.

An artist then denounced the "work of enemies" and said that he had composed a poem. It began: "Wherever you go, you won't find your mother."

An evening of Albanian television reveals that, except for the cartoons, it ranks as Europe's most worthy and earnest network. It begins in the early evening with foreign language courses and after the news goes on to Tirana's answer to Blue Peter. In the Thursday edition, children were taught how to make a dress, and musical interludes included five rather glum and nervous 12-year-old communist pioneers playing mandolins.

With the children packed off to bed, television continued with a discussion programme about the work of Haxhi Tafaj, who appeared to be a sort of local Harry Secombe.

This was followed with a half-hour interview with a paediatrician and then more (of the same) news. The weather report revealed temperatures of up to 35C. Those waiting for some

try beset by "hooligans" this was a tough script about law enforcement called The Magistrate. Point taken. Cubans seize

diplomat From AFP

IN PRAGUE

A CZECHOSLOVAK diplomat was held hostage for several hours in Havana by five Cubans who broke into his flat in an unsuccessful attempt to join 14 others taking refuge at the Czecho-slovak embassy, the Prague foreign ministry said yes-terday. Fifteen Cubans have sought asylum in foreign mis-

sions in the past week. An official communique said the five intruders forced their way into the home of Jan Domok, the charge d'affaires, on Thursday morning. The Czechoslovak foreign ministry, in a statement quoted by the official CTK news agency, said the diplomat tricked his way out of the situation after telling his captors they would not get into the embassy. Mr Domok informed the Cuban authorities and promised that the five would be given no diplomatic protection.

The Cuban refugee crisis began on Monday, when five Cubans entered the Czechoslovak embassy claiming they feared imminent arrest for dissident activity. Two more students entered later on Monday, seeking asylum, followed by seven others who got into the compound on Wednesday. Also on Wednesday, another man took refuge in the Spanish embassy in Havana.

Yesterday, Mario Rodri-guez Martinez, the Cuban ambassador in Prague, went for talks at the foreign minister. It said said that Czechoslovakia would be asking Cuban authorities to ensure the security of its diplomats in Havana and the normal functioning of the embassy, in the interest of good bilateral

relations. CTK said the Cuban ambassador was told that Czechoslovakia would not hand over those who were now in the embassy. It had asked for them to be allowed to leave Cuba freely to go to the country of their choice. Prague was seeking diplomatic aid from other countries, the

agency reported. Diplomats in Havana have said they did not expect the trickle of asylum seekers to grow into the kind of refugee tide seen in Albania, and in Cuba in 1980 when some 10,000 Cubans descended on the Peruvian embassy. Then Havana eventually allowed 128,000 unemployed citizens to leave for the United States.

Marking time in Berlin's 'Mickey Mouse' parliament From ANNE McELVOY ectively ended by currency and also granted themselves de facto 40.000 marks and a lot of governthose it replaced. Rainer Eppel-

IN EAST BERLIN

THE first freely elected parliament in East Germany's 40-year history met yesterday under security con-ditions even tighter than those demanded by its paranoid communist predecessor.

Half of the city's main thoroughfare, Unter den Linden, was closed to traffic to keep at bay the legions of workers protesting at their low pay and working conditions. Journalists now require special clearance and extensive security checks to enter the grandiose Volkskammer building which, despite its new occupants, is still known to East Berliners as "Erich's iamp shop" because of the former leader Erich Honecker's obsession

for giant chandeliers. With limited sovereignty effeconomic union with West Ger-many, the Volkskammer's popularity has waned to a level not much higher than that of the old rubberstamp parliament.

The cheerful debates and mutual regard which characterised the heady democratic days after the March election have given way to party rancour and continuous crossbench accusations of who is most to blame for the 40 years of repression. Gregor Gysi, the leader of the socialists, said vesterday that he had seen "more political culture in the Berlin zoo than in the parliament".

To public outrage it has emerged that the 400 MPs are paying themselves a salary of 5,000 German marks (£1,700) a month - five times the national average - as well as generous expenses. They have exemption from being breathalysed. greeting challenges from the police with the politician's standard cry: "Do you know who I am?"

Unfortunately few of their constituents do. In a recent poll by the Leipzig research institute, 70 per cent of those asked said they could not name their MP and more than 90 per cent thought that their representative could do "nothing to help them".

The parliamentary speaker, Sa-bine Bergmann-Pohl, is renowned more for her wardrobe than her rhetorical gifts. She was recently treated to a new wardrobe of designer clothes, including Chanel and Ungaro, by the West German Christian Democrats anxious to improve her matronly image. The well-publicised shopping trip cost

ment credibility. Now a protest group calling itself the "Campaign for the Removal of the Mickey Mouse Parliament" has installed itself in front of the metal barriers and calls vociferously for the dissolution of the parliament, to the evident discomfort of MPs arriving in an assortment of desirable cars for the twice-weekly sessions.

The group has calculated that it will cost more than 20 million marks to keep the parliament functioning until full reunification in December. "A waste of money: they have no influence with Bonn at all. No one would notice if they weren't here," said a campaigner, Jochen Enke.

The new breed of East German politicians has been quick to assign itself the privileges it criticised in

mann, the defence minister, formerly a prominent dissident and conscientious objector, has moved into his predecessor's luxury home in the military enclave of Strausberg and is now encouraging young East Germans to do military service.

His former colleagues from the underground movement complain that he has betrayed the November revolution. Katva Havemann, the wife of the renowned dissident scientist, Robert Havemann, who died after being in internal exile for vears, has published a petition entitled "Rainer Eppelmann: we are ashamed of you".

Herr Eppelmann has responded to the campaign with the singular remark that times change.

THE Senate armed services administration can hope for as from the \$307 billion which the White House had re-quested for defence next year and to withdraw 50,000 US troops from Europe.

In a series of big decisions, the committee lopped nearly
\$1 billion from the \$4.6 billion
which the administration
wanted for the Strategic Defence Initiative and refused to
provide the money to put
nuclear-tipped MX missiles
on trains a strategy numerical on trains, a strategy pursued by both the Reagan and Bush administrations as a means of reducing vulnerability.

However the committee also voted to keep the B2 "Stealth" bomber programme alive, endorsing the downwardly-revised request of Richard Cheney, the American defence secretary, for the purchase of two of the \$800 million planes in 1991.

Though the committee's decisions are far from final, they represent the very best that the

UK seeks delay on refugees

A STRONG belief that six Asian nations may be about to prevent boat people landing at their ports has prompted an intensive British diplomatic effort to persuade them to delay their decision (Andrew McEwen writes).

The government fears that Hong Kong, which has had a respite from the influx of boat people, will again become the main destination for Viet-

namese leaving their country. But the Association of South-East Asian Nations is in no mood to accept further delay after more than a year of fruitless international negotiations to establish the right of its members to send boat people back to Vietnam.

Land dispute talks 'progress'

Ottawa - Negotiations to end the land dispute in Quebec were said to be progressing yesterday (John Best writes). John Ciaccia, the Quebec provincial minister for native affairs, described as "very positive" a three-hour session with Mohawk Indian leaders, who are refusing to let officials

develop land they say is theirs. The talks come in the wake of a gun battle that broke out this week when police attacked a barrier blocking access to the land near Montreal, and an officer was killed.

Sister-in-law of Gandhi 'resigns' Delhi - Maneka Gandhi,

India's embattled environment minister and the sisterin-law of Rajiv Gandhi, the former prime minister, has resigned because many of her wers had been reduced,

official sources said yesterday. Her resignation highlighted growing dissension in the government and the ruling National Front coalition. (Reuter)

American Services 1990s.

committee yesterday voted to the Democrat-controlled Concut \$18 billion (£10 billion) gress finally gets down to the gress finally gets down to the task of determining the 1991 defence budget.

The committee chairman is Sam Nunn, the congressional Democrat most sympathetic to the Pentagon's pleas that any post-Cold War winding down of America's military strength be gradual and pru-dent. The bulk of his party wants still deeper cuts, in the region of \$24 billion, while Jim Sasser, the Democratic chairman of the Senate budget committee, has called for a cut of \$26 billion.

America's soaring budg deficit, now a projected \$160 billion in 1991, has intensified still further the pressure on the defence budget, which ac-counts for a quarter of all federal spending, and the com-mittee sketched out another \$4 billion in cuts which would take effect if required by a bipartisan budget agreement.

The committee voted to reduce all American forces by a total of 100,000 in 1991, with 50,000 of those coming from the 311,000 US troops stationed in Europe.

The vote pre-empts the results of the stalled Conventional Forces in Europe talks which are aiming to place a 195,000 ceiling on both superpowers' forces in Central Europe with a further 30,000 American troops in Britain, Italy and Greece.

In a meeting which continued till the early hours of yesterday morning, the com-mittee voted to freeze SDI research spending at around this year's level of \$3.6 billion. Congressional support for the programme has been waning fast and that figure could yet be reduced still further.

The committee agreed to fund fully the administration's \$202 million request for dev-elopment of the Midgetman nuclear missile but approved only \$548 million for the MX missile. It refused the \$1.3 billion needed to put the MX

One congressional source called the outcome of the committee's deliberations a blueprint for the next de-

It stemmed from a series of hearings into future Amicrican defence requirements which the committee conducted earlier this year.

The committee's recommendations now go to the Senate floor, while the House armed services committee begins deliberations on its version of the defence bill. Ultimately the House and Senate bills have to be rec-

onciled in special conference. Mr Cheney has fought a fierce rearguard action to protect the military from deep and precipitate cuts and General Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, recently appealed to Congress not to make cuts that would "break the back" of the armed SETVICES.

House Democrats have been pushing for cuts which Mr Cheney claims could lead to a reduction of 700,000 in America's 2.1 million active service troops by the late

Families blame suicides on music

From REUTER IN RENO, NEVADA

decide if subliminal messages allegedly contained on a record album by a British rock group encouraged two young men to kill themselves with a sawn-off shotgun.

The group Judas Priest, and CBS records, are the defendants in a lawsuit in which families of the two dead men are seeking at least \$500,000 (£279,000) in medical and other damages. The trial starts on Monday.

In December 1985, Raymond Eugene Belknap, aged 20, and James Vance, aged 18, shot themselves after an afternoon spent drinking beer, smoking marijuana and listening to an album by the group Judas Priest, called Stained Class.

Eugene Belknap died instantly. James Vance, his face partially destroyed, lived on for three years more.

music and lyrics - including a constitution. song titled Beyond the Realms of Death - "made me want to California in 1988, an appeal stop living".

Ken McKenna, the attorney representing Belknap's mother, claims Belknap and killed himself after listening to Vance were the victims of an album by Ozzy Osborne subliminal messages that bypass the reasoning function of music allegedly contained a the brain and work on the subliminal call to "Get the gun

Mr McKenna and audio shoot.'

A JUDGE in Nevada will experts working for the plaintiffs claim that playing the record backwards reveals "commands to take action", such as repeated urgings to "Do it, do it!"

Experts for the defence dismiss the claim and call the notion of implanting subliminal messages beneath the surface of music and lyrics "voodooism".

Anthony Pellicano, the president of a Los Angeles audio laboratory, said: "If you can hear it, it gets stored (in the brain). If you can't hear it, it doesn't get stored."

Simply stated, said Suellen Fulstone, the attorney for the record company and Judas Priest, Belknap and Vance died as the result of a suicide pact between two troubled and anti-social youths.

She said rock music lyrics, like other forms of expression, were protected by the freein a deposition, Vance had speech guarantees contained said that the moody, hypnotic in the United States

> In a similar case heard in court upheld a lower court's dismissal of a suit filed by the parents of a 19-year-old who and try it, shoot, shoot,



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Rescuers carrying a critically injured pilot from the wreckage of his plane, which crashed into the canyon walls of the Ogden river in Utah, thea tambled into the torrent below. The pilot, Floyd Duncan, was trapped for more than half an hour. A passenger was killed

Burmese military rulers issue warning to opposition

From Associated Press IN RANGOON

THE Burmese military junta indicated yesterday that Aung San Suu Kyi, the leading dissident, will not be released next week and warned her party not to try to announce a government despite its landslide elec-

tion victory. Major-General Khin Nyunt, head of military intelligence, said the junta would not yield to international pressure for her release or a transfer of power to her National League for Democracy.

Daw Suu Kyi was put under house arrest in 1989 for one year. She was arrested after she vowed to lead a

mass anti-government rally. She has never been formally charged.

amounted to "undue interference in the internal affairs of our country, Khin Nyunt said. In the May election the National League for Democracy won 396 out of 485 seats. The general said the military government was

"ruling the country under martial law. No attempt at a unilateral declaration of government will be tolerated," the

government said. The general said Daw Sun Kyi was being treated leniently.

She was able to receive gift parcels from her British husband through the

Sicilians riot over water shortage

From Paul Bompard

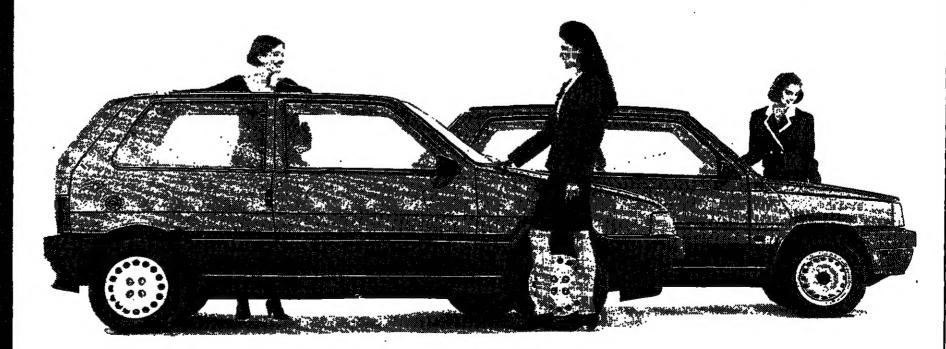
IN ROME A WATER shortage in southern Italy, resulting from the unusually dry winter, has resulted in mob violence in the western Sicilian town of Ribera.

Farmers chanting "we want water" yesterday accused local politicians of negelecting the situation. They demonstrated outside a town hall destroyed by fire on Thursday after hundreds of people from Ri-bera and surrounding farms stormed the building and set fire to smashed furniture.

They vowed to continue demonstrating till the situation improves. Extra cara-binieri have been dispatched to maintain order.

One farmer, Giuseppe Verde, said: "The reason we do not have enough water is that the mayor and the city councillors have not built the aqueducts they were supposed to build. And the provincial and regional politicians are no better. The money is there but they don't use it for our interests but for their own."

Drought has become, for much of Italy, a perennial problem. A series of dry winters and inefficient aqueducts has left agricultural ar-eas chronically short of water.



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A turbulent year that turned the tide for autocrats

Another wind of change is blowing through Africa, as pressure grows to sweep aside singleparty systems. Gregory Kronsten, Africa editor for the Economist Intelligence Unit, reports on democracy's progress.

THE past six months have seen political developments in Africa that were unthinkable a year ago. Only a handful of countries, notably Botswana and Senegal, operated multi-party systems last year, but the one-party monopoly is increasingly being discarded.

In November President Houphouet-Boigny of Ivory Coast was reverentially praised after the establishment of an Unesco prize for peace research in his name. By February, student demonstrations in Abidian were calling for his resignation, and by June, 14 opposition par-

ties had been officially recognised. President Mobutu of Zaire, an entrenched autocrat supported by zealous security forces, a personality cult, Western allies and a measure of goodwill, shocked observers in April by announcing the birth of the multi-party era.

The rapid changes have been in-fluenced by events in Eastern Europe. African rulers have drawn conclusions for their survival, while the ruled, particularly the urban middle class, have watched apparently unassailable regimes tumble. Security forces are held in less fear and government critics have found a new readiness to take to the streets.

Certain official tenets of one-party philosophy are now treated with sceptism, notably the claim that multi-party government is synonymous with ethnic strife. The rulers themselves are no longer united on this point. Presidents Moi of Kenya and Mubage of Zimbabwe still hold to this line, while President Babangida of Nigeria has permitted only two political parties and President Mobutu three, in the interests of ethnic harmony. To confuse the perhaps the only two ethnically homogenous states in Africa, have seen few indications of a multi-party dawn.

Traditional Western allies have also played their part. The American ambassador in Kenya said in public in May that his government's aid policy would partly reflect the political system of the recipient country. France has become more discerning in using its military. Britain has welcomed the transition to

a civil rule programme in Nigeria, its principal trading partner in black Africa, although in general it prefers to use its influence behind the scenes to push for liberalisation. The World Bank introduced the element of "better govern-ments" in its report issued in November, Sub-Saharan Africa: From Crisis to Sustainable Growth. This suggested that greater accountability tended to motivate institutions and individuals and to make austerity measures that the bank is advocating widely in Africa more palatable. Even the Soviet Union has told the Ethiopian government that it cannot supply military support as long as

picture further, Swaziland and Lesotho, President Mengistu has no real intention of negotiating with the Eritrean and

The political landscape has changed so fast that some rulers will have difficulty preserving a place for themselves in the new order. These are not born democrats and their reaction had been broadly to respond to individual challenges without a strategy. It would seem that the autocrat is at his weakest when making concessions under duress, and that he who gives ground spontaneously stands a better chance of survival.

Presidents Mobutu and Sassou-Nguesso of Congo come within this category. President Mobutu of Zaire has an impelling reason to find himself a role in the changing system: life for him as an ordinary citizen is not a practical possibility, not least because of his rumoured personal fortune, while his current allies are not expected to welcome him staying with them.

By contrast, President Bongo Gabon has seen that a series of concessions since student riots in January has not bought him time. Two

the scrapping of some unpopular taxes, a new identity for the ruling party and a national conference have all failed to dampen popular demand for change.

President Kaunda named a date (October 17) for a referendum on multiparty rule after serious riots last month against food-price rises. In Ivory Coast President Houphouet-Boigny has met delegations of striking teachers, policemen, soldiers and bank workers, and accepted their grievances, while his government has pleaded its genuine financial difficulty. He is in his late 80s and is expected to stand down later this year. But he has only complicated the legacy of his successor.

President Moi is not alone in Africa in refusing to countenance changing the one-party state and has publicly referred to "multi-party garbage". But the probability is that a combination of the domino effect, further pressure from the aid donor community and intensification of public protest will force consions from the Kenyan government. The moves towards multi-party sys-

tems should not be equated with the advent of undiluted Western parliamentary democracy. The ranks of the demonstrators on the streets of African cities have been swollen by a good number of opportunists.

In some countries the ruling group or as in Burkina Faso, raling coalition, is likely to remain, but with marked tendencies to increase the choice for the voter. With a more open ruling party or variety of parties, the presidency (not always contested) will be able to guide events through patronage, media influence and a say in the formulation of fluence and a say in the formulation of rules for the new system. This presidency is most unlikely to accept a genuine separation of powers between the executive judiciary and legislature. Laws to make the security services accountable and introduce press freedom safeguards

would not be on the agenda. Political pluralism will thus have a strong African hue. But the rapid changes of the past six months are such that a number of well known African leaders will find themselves discarded, and in much reduced circumstances.

Mandela ridicules West over calls for African democracy

From Christopher Walker in nairobi

entered the increasingly violent debate about democracy in Africa with a speech ridiculing recent calls from Western nations for the spread on the continent of the political pluralism now taking root in Eastern Europe.

dela asked his predominently black African audience: "What rights has the West, what right have the whites, to teach us about democracy when they executed those who asked for democracy during the time of the colonial era?"

The attack appeared par-ticularly aimed at criticism at least five more pro-democfrom Britain as Mr Mandela, dressed in a sweater and suit despite the blazing sun, went ruthless tactics against any on to laud two prominent leaders of the Mau Mau struggle against the British, one of whom was executed by British forces in the 1950s.

The speech, delivered at a rally boycotted by many or-President Moi in his continuing struggle against supporters of a multi-party system.

Mr Mandela, the deputy president of the African Nat- time he was scheduled to onal Congress, was addressing a crowd of barely 20,000 in were seated in the Chinesea giant sports stadium designed to hold 60,000. Most of chitecture gave the those who did attend were proceedings a dated, comchildren and his arrival had to munist-style feel. Anxious secbe delayed for more than two unity men could be seen trying hours as the government to rustle up more people and bussed in more people to try to fill the embarrassing empty

Drivers who ferried correspondents to the rally at the stadium six miles outside

Liberians adjourn peace talks From REUTER

IN FREETOWN

TWO days of talks to end the Liberian civil war ended yesterday without progress towards a ceasefire, but the rebels pledged to return to the negotiating table next week.

Thomas Woewiyu, the guerrillas' chief negotiator, said that there was "absolutely no ceasefire, no change in our military strategy" as he left the talks held in a seaside conference centre in Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone.

Mr Woewiyu said that the session of the talks, being mediated by the Economic Community of West African States, next week, Abass Bundu, the community's executive secretary and the chief mediator, said that the talks would resume on Tuesday.

There was no immediate comment from the government delegation, which has been in Freetown since talks mediated by Liberian church leaders collapsed last month.

Rebels of the National Patriotic Front of Liberia, under Charles Taylor, have surrounded Monrovia in their attempt to topple President Doe. Mr Taylor has said he will take the capital by the end of the week.

Mr Doc, a former army sergeant who shot his way to power in a 1980 coup, is holed up in his heavily fortified mansion in Monrovia as the guerrillas push their way into the city.

Sources close to the president say that he has packed his bags and is ready to fice. The United States, Liberia's oldest ally, has offered to take him abroad but the sources say that he would prefer to go to his home region of Grand Gedeh county in eastern Liberia, a stronghold of his minority Krahn tribe.

More than 6,000 Liberjans and foreigners have sought refuge in churches and em-

NELSON Mandela yesterday Nairobi, near a-district which saw much recent rioting, claimed that many Kenyans had stayed away to express their anger at President Moi's refusal to permit any open debate over the future of Kenya's one-party system.

The country remained tense To loud cheers, Mr Man- as rumours spread that another attempt to stage an illegal pro-democracy rally would be made today. Many white residents were stocking up with food in anticipation of more violence, and many others said they planned to leave Nairobi for the weekend. racy campaigners over the past 48 hours and pledged

Television announced only hours before the Mandela rally that employers were being urged to grant workers a dinary Kenyans in a protest holiday to attend. But the against one-party rule in Ke- move had little effect and nya, was seen as support for diplomatic observers said the reception was one of the most feeble given to Mr Mandela during his six-week international tour. At 11am, the speak, scarcely 3,000 people financed stadium, whose ar-

would-be demonstrators.

spreading those present to give an impression of a decent "How many sons and

daughters of Africa have paid with their own lives because all that they asked for was the right to determine their own affairs?" asked Mr Mandela in his diatribe against the West, which reflected growing resentment in many parts of black Africa against Western attempts to push the cause of

Anti-Western feeling in Kenya has been growing noticeably more bitter in recent days, with repeated attacks by the government and politicians on foreign emba notably that of the United States, and foreign journalists covering the violence which has so far left at least 28 people dead. A statement issued by 51 MPs of the ruling Kenya African National Union yesterday urged foreign correspondents, particularly those working for the BBC and the Voice of America, to cease describing the disturbances as "pro-democracy protest".

According to a report in the Kenya Times, the official voice of the party, the MPs told foreign journalists that what had been happening in some parts of the country was nothing but hooliganism sponsored by a few anti-

In his speech Mr Mandela made no reference to the open letter addressed to him on Thursday by the wives of prominent Kenyans detained in the crackdown against prodemocracy campaigners, or to lawyers who have been forced either to flee abroad or to go into hiding to avoid indefinite detention without trial. The letter, which made an

impassioned plea to Mr Mandela to intercede with Mr Moi on behalf of the de-In an attempt to minimise tainees, said that "unjustified yesterday's boycott, Kenya imprisonment of the black man by the black man" was "even more painful than the imprisonment of the black man by the white man", a pointed reference to the 27 years of imprisonment inflicted on Mr Mandela, who celebrates his 72: birthday next week.

Western criticism of Kenya's anti-democratic crackdown has increased with a strong appeal from the Nordic countries (Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Iceland) for the release of all the detainees who had advocated multi-party democracy and human rights.

A communiqué stressed that Kenya's development was supported by assistance from the Nordic nations. Eric Fiil, the Danish ambassador, said that if the prevailing political situation in Kenya continued, the Nordic countries would have to reconsider economic assistance which amounted to between \$70 million (£39 million) and \$80 million a year.

The statement said: "The Nordic countries find it very distressing that the Kenya government authorities have had to react in a brutal manner against the proponents of multi-parties and a free exchange of views, concerning democratic dev elopment in the country." It warned that the continued repression of democratic rights would only tarnish the image of Kenya.

The condemnation of the Kenyan government by the Nordic countries followed earlier strong criticism from the United States and has pointed up further the relatively low level of concern expressed publicly by Britain.



President Houphonet-Boigny of Ivory Coast, right, showing President Babangida of Nigeria his controversial basilica at Yamoussoukro. It will be consecrated by the pope

Another Kenya activist held

ANOTHER prominent human rights activist in Kenya has been arrested despite growing international pressure on President Moi to end his crackdown on pro-democracy

demonstrators. Dr Martin Hill, an official with Amnesty International in London, said that George Anyona had been arrested amid unconfirmed reports that many others had been rounded up.

Mr Anyona's arrest is a part from the rule of law. further sign of Nairobi's determination to stifle demands for a multi-party state. Mr Anyona was imprisoned in

By Andrew McEwen, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR Police are understood to have that international pressure feared that Mr Anyona, a

former member of parliament, would be spurred by the prodemocracy campaign to make a second attempt. Another big unauthorised rally is expected

Britain on Thursday to escape arrest, yesterday predicted "anarchy" in Kenya if the government continued to de-

which it thinks will facilitate 1982 when he tried to register the restoration of the multithe Kenya Socialist Party. party system." It was possible not reached their superiors.

would prevent bloodshed.

Dr Kuria appealed to Britain and other Western nations to take a tougher line. They were afraid of being accused of "cultural imperito be held today.

Dr Gibson Kuria, a human warranted, he said. They rights lawyer who fled to should drop their "shyness" and insist that African nations, as much as those of Eastern Europe, showed respect for human rights.

Dr Kuria said he had told tried to suspend those parts of the constitution and laws which it thinks will also have been accounted to the constitution and laws which it thinks will also have been accounted to the consession in the constitution and laws which it thinks will also have been accounted to the consession in the consession to the con and others had suffered, but it seemed the information had

OAU members face threat of growing unrest

THE vague commitment to to get rid of here," one Africanfurther democratisation at this week's summit meeting of the Organisation of African Unity is unlikely to quell the unrest in many of the 51 member states, where decades of undemocratic rule are being challenged on the streets.

In Kenya, until last week one of Africa's more stable countries, it was considered wards the pro-democracy movement that there was no mention on Thursday of the OAU communiqué in the Kenya Times, the paper of the ruling party. Instead, the paper attacked Western news organisations, which it accused of "falsehoods, distortions, innuendos and tendentiousness" for suggesting that the recent riots were linked to the campaign to end

one-party rule. party members was a comment by President Mugabe of Zimbabwe at a private session of the OAU in Addis Ababa. the democratic tide have been Answering those in the West demanding political reforms eroon, the ruling Cameroon in Africa be said: "To such People's Democratic Movement claimed that multi-party 'go to hell'."

At the beginning of the year there were pro-democracy protests in more than a dozen African nations. These include Benin. Zambia. Ivory in Africa have so far survived Coast, Zaire and Gabon, the growing protest move-which have had one-party ments, often using ruthless Coast, Zaire and Gabon, regimes for over 18 years.

The attacks on the West have concentrated on the recently trained by experts.

United States, which has been from East Germany, Rhimania. accused of a new brand of and other former communist imperialism by suggesting that regimes. But the domino American aid will flow more theory may quickly become readily to those embracing reality once the first one-party political phuralism.

The complaint reiterated by Kenyan ministers and by officials from other hardpressed states is that African conditions are unlike those in Eastern Europe and the demo-

cratic solutions do not apply. President Moi, whose only concession has been to state that multi-party democracy could not be ruled out if Kenya was to become a more cohesive nation, has claimed that introducing such a system now would increase the dan-

gers of tribal violence. Other African heads of state have argued that, unlike Eastern Europe under communism, economic reforms have already been introduced in a number of African countries where the pressure for an end to one-party rule is now being felt. "The point that you people in the West do not seem to grasp is that most of us have not got communism diplomat said. in some post-independent nations, such as Angola and Mozambique, the one-party system did emerge as a result

of guerrilla warfare which used marxist ideology and military tactics to overthrow colonial powers. But in most cases it was imposed by a small clique anxious to retain typical of the government's a grip on power in the contemptuous attitude to- aftermath of the colonial

The ripple effect of Eastern Europe has come at a time of crippling economic difficulties besetting many African countries. The likelihood that Western nations and institutions such as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank will increasingly channel aid to those countries most willing to introduce democratic reforms will in-crease the economic hardship More to the liking of leading in those where one-party or military dictatorship is most

The attempts to turn back remarkably similar. In Cameroon, the ruling Cameroon ment claimed that multi-party advocates were in the hands of allegations have been made by

Kenya's ruling party.

The one-party governments internal security machines theory may quickly become leader is toppled.

US 'giving more aid to Unita'

From Jan Raath :

THE United States has deployed military advisers with the Unita rebels inside Angola for the first time, Pedro de Castro Van-Dunem, the Angolan foreign minister, claimed in the Zimbabwean capital yesterday.

It is the first time in 15 years of American military assistance to Unita that the Angolan government has made such a claim. If proved true, it signifies a deep and potentially dangerous commitment by Washington to the Unita eader, Dr Jonas Savimbi.

Mr Van-Dunem would not offer firm evidence that American personnel were in the country, but promised that "when we capture them, we will present them to the press". Western diplomats warned against dismissing the claims out of hand.

His claim came shortly before the scheduled resumption of peace talks in Portugal between the governing and Units on ending the 15-year civil war. It also coincided with a dramatic escalation in fighting in the north, which has led to the virtual encirclement of the capital, Luanda,

The minister confirmed Western reports of an important transfer of Unita's operations from the south, where it operated until last year with South African support, to the north where military shipments are moved from American military bases inside neighbouring Zaire.

The Washington Post reported last month that US congressional intelligence committees had approved an additional \$10 million (£5.6 million) in covert aid for Unita, supplementing the \$50 million already budgeted.

The minister said recent sabotage of power supplies, plus bombing attacks in Luanda, bore the marks of considerably more skill than

JOHANNESBURG NOTEBOOK by Gavin Bell

Welfare is just another name for anti-social security

hen is a state-security apparatus not what it seems? When it is a social welfare organisation, according to the Pretoria government.

One of President de Klerk's first reforms last year was to abolish the National Management System (NMS), a mostly secret network of security committees. With a command structure independent of government, it had enormous influence during the era of P.W. Botha, the former president, and manipulated civilian politics through bogus community-relations projects and new businesses in black townships. Its demise was broadly welcomed.

In terms of his new strategy of talking to black activists. Mr de Klerk established the National Coordinating Mechanism (NCM). Run by civilians in his office, its declared aim is to switch the

emphasis from security to welfare. Not so, says James Selfe of the Democratic Party, who has exposed a parallel security committee led by the hawkish chief of the national intelligence service. He says the securocrats have reestablished their influence in the new system. Government officials

deny the NMS has been reincar-nated. Jannie Roux, who runs the NCM, said: "There is no way the new system can be compared to the old. It cannot give orders."

y holding the moral high B ground in politics, one runs the risk of being over-whelmed by converts. Such is the dilemma of the liberal Democratic Party, which is being swept aside by the winds of change blowing from Pretoria. After a disastrous showing in a recent by-election, the party lost one of its three co-leaders this week when Wynand Malan announced his resignation. "What I have been working towards is now a reality. The political process is now irreversibly on the way towards a negotiated constitutional settlement," he said.

By a curious coincidence, a colleague in the Johannesburg city council resigned on the same day in protest against the Democratic Party allowing dual membership of the Broederbond, a secretive and influential Afrikaner society. He claimed the Broederbond was a racist organisation while the Democratic Party was just the opposite, and he found it inHe's a member of the Broederbond



conceivable that anybody could belong to both. He referred in particular to Mr Malan.

recent decision to haive the Compulsory military service may be closing the stable door after the horse has bolted. Researchers at the University of the Witwatersrand found last year that the number of graduates emigrating mainly to evade conscription is twice as high as shown in official statistics. The annual average since 1980 has been 4,500, or 25 per cent, which has brought a severe shortage of doctors, lawyers, teachers and other professionals, each one representing £50,000 in lost productivity and tax revenues. Fewer than half of Afrikaans-

speaking final-year students and only 29 per cent of English speakers were prepared to serve in the armed forces. The remainder intended either to continue their studies or to emigrate.

South Africa, after being allowed to watch live television coverage of the World Cup finals for the first time, is optimistic of competing for a place in the 1994 series. Abdul Bhamjee. spokesman for the national soccer league, says he expects the new non-racial football administration now being created to be admitted to Fifa, the world controlling body. within a year. "I am confident we will be welcomed back with open arms. We have a unique situation here, with a tremendous blend of black flair and white discipline,"

As a prelude, he wants to invite Cameroon for a three-match tour KwaZulu officials.

and says he is looking overseas for a coach. With Bobby Robson otherwise engaged, could Jack Chariton be a contender? Bhamjee ruled that question offside. ulu King Goodwill Zweli-

to demand the restoration of his water supply, which he claims was cut after he said he would join the African National Congress. Prince Israel Mcwayzeni Zulu is a prominent member of the ANC-aligned congress of traditional leaders of South Africa, which is described by Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the chief minister of the

thini's uncle is going to court

KwaZulu tribal homeland, as a "spear in the heart of Zulu unity". After resigning from the Kwaprince returned from a trip abroad to find his home gutted by an arson attack. Two months later the water supply was cut off. A plumber found the main stopcock had been closed and reopened it. Next day an employee of the KwaZulu department of public works cut the

pipe with a hacksaw. Durban

lawyers this week filed an applica-

tion on the prince's behalf against

usual Unita operations.

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Back-to-font reasoning

Clifford Longley

hristenings remain an important social and ceremonial part of the British way of life. A large proportion of the population turns to the Church of England to provide them, as it does for wedding and funeral services, so giving the church a constituency that other parts of its inistrations cannot reach.

Nobody in the church begrudges a church funeral, it seems, no matter how immoral or unbelieving the occupant of the coffin may have been. Except for the divorced, the clergy of the estab-lished church are obliged to marry anyone who meets the minimal legal requirements - which say nothing about believing anything in particular about marriage or religion — and no fuss is made about that either. But christenings, which the church prefers to call baptisms, have become deeply controversial. This is a service the church is in the process of withdrawing from the general community.

For a few moments at least, the York meeting of the General Synod last weekend looked about to embark on legislation to ban "indiscriminate" baptism, confining it to those who take it seriously as a rite of Christian initiation. Parents would have been required to make a solemn promise that they were willing and able to raise their child in the Christian faith, which, by implication, would have restricted christenings to the families of those who are regular members of local congregations.

But before battle had been properly joined, the synod was told that a report on the wider issues was almost ready for publication, and so was persuaded to take the matter no further for the time being. Yet the debate and the proposed legislation were signs of growing pressure within the church to put a stop to indiscriminate baptism. Sooner rather than later, that pressure will prevail. Already fewer than half the number of newly-born children are baptised into the Church of England. Indiscriminate baptism is an embarrassment because it amounts to a public admission by the church that an important religious service may properly be used for purely social and conventional purposes by those who regard its religious content as meaningless. Many vicars refuse to officiate at christenings for non-believing families, and their refusal provokes many a storm in

This is partly the church's own fault. The traditional doctrine of baptism has become meaningless for many inside the church too. There is general agreement only that baptism is a ceremony marking entry into the visible community of the church (which is why so much weight is placed on the lar worshippers). The traditional view was that baptism is far more profound and significant, but it policy as any.

reflected beliefs that are now thoroughly out of fashion. For to believe in the traditional view, it was first necessary to believe in heil, damnation and the devil, in heaven and salvation, and in Christ's atoning sacrifice for sin. Those who still talk like that except as a metaphor for life's hard knocks - are deemed to be such dyed-in-the-wool conser-vatives that they are right off the Anglican scale.

Traditionally, baptism was a washing away of original sin, a passage from spiritual death to spiritual life. The unbaptised did not go to heaven when they died, for they were still enslaved to Satan, Baptism was a permanent mark on the soul, showing which were God's own, even as the Israelites marked with blood the plague before the exodus from Egypt. To die unbaptised was a fearful thing. To be baptised was

to join Christian civilisation.
Such deep feelings linger long. particularly in the rural areas of England and in the rural subconscious of the townsfolk. But they get little support from churchmen, who are inclined to treat them as superstitious. And they do dwindle into superstition when such notions are no longer related to Christian doctrine: not to have a child baptised, it is still widely believed, is to invite bad luck. This is folk religion because the church has moved away from what it originally taught about baptism, while ordinary people have hung on to it in a halfambered and less-than-balfunderstood form. But they remember that baptism is a sac-rament, while the church pow remembers it only as a symbol.

Baptism is more than, even other than, the recruitment of a new member to the local parish church. Taken as merely that, it is meaningless, for no baby or small child can make a lifetime's religious commitment, least of all by the proxy voice of adult parents and godparents. The informed answer to a clergyman who refuses to allow a baptism unless the parents and sodparents truly believe the words they have to say is to ask him whether he truly believes them himself. Does he, for instance, believe in the devil?

If traditional doctrine no longer meets the need, the answer is not to translate it into a merely sociological phenomenon that drains away the sacramental richness. That merely throws the fontwater out with the baby. The answer is to dig deeper into the sources of doctrine, to find those levels of resonance which were always present but went unheard. Only by recovering a meaning for baptism more momentous than a scout's promise, more profound than putting a child's name down for Eton, will the church know to be doing. Meanwhile, indiscriminate baptism is as good a

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MATTHEW PARRIS

ring in the crows to peck many, let them regard me - as I the eagles, says Coriolanus, speaking of the Roman equivalent of the media:

I admire Nicholas Ridley, but clear from your mind any suspicion that I agree with him. I don't. I like Germans. All this stuff about Jerry sounds crackers to me, but then President Kruger believed to the day he died in 1904 that the earth was flat. We each have our share of nutty ideas. Now we know Mr. Ridley's. It gave us all a giggle.

But otherwise, so what? The important truth that Dominic Lawson has demonstrated about this man is that he is not circumspect. Circumspection being by a long chalk the nastiest characteristic prevalent among our politicians, it is sad that this episode will encourage its spread.

Speaking for myself, if a journalist returned from interviewing the prime minister to report that halfway through lunch she had lunged at him declaring that she found him unbearably attractive, I should explain "She's human!" and nothing would ever again cloud my admiration for her. And, should he report that while chatting with Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader had drained his cup, stared into the dregs, and confessed that he never ventured out of doors before reading the auspices in his tea leaves, I should treat Mr Kinnock with a new respect, because though I do not believe in tea leaves. I do believe in people who decide for themselves what they believe and don't care who knows it.

How despicable is our political culture! We whine that grumble that MPs have become as alike as traffic-cones, tamely toeing the line. We grumble that you cannot get a straight ves or no from a minister. We whimper that our leaders do not trust

us enough to confide in us . . . And then we spot a man like Ridley, out of line with the baby-kissing, vanilla-flavoured clones whom we affect to dislike - and what do we do? Rush at him like scavenging dogs and tear him limb from limb. "For the mutable, rank-scented of the other papers will bother.

do not flatter - and therein behold themselves." - Coriolanus again. We castrate our politicians then complain that they have no balls. Like us.

As they come home to their safe seats, safe beds, and safe marriages, draw their securitynet bedroom curtains and place their false teeth and their false opinions neatly in a glass of sterilising solution for an overnight soak, a score of ministers will tonight be thanking God that they are as other men are, and resolving to be even more careful than yesterday not to do or say or think anything unusual. "Every day and in every way, dear Lord," they pray, "help me to make British party politics more closely resemble synchronised swimming.

And thus does our modern media-driven Darwinism advance the evolution of the species: survival of the slickest. But there is a way out! The defensive instinct only buys time before the inevitable rout. Then to the attack! Henceforward, a timetable should be arranged so that every week a cabinet minister gives an interview to Dominic Lawson. Each will reveal opinions more in-

credible than the last. Hot on the heels of news that John Major keeps a troupe of performing miniature poodles will come word that the Lord Chancellor would personally welcome a return of the ducking stool for witches. Amazement will be overtaken by shock as the home secretary reveals that he has 60 children by a series of polygamous marriages. Shock will fade as we react to the foreign secretary's admission

that he can't stand foreigners. Each amazing outburst will from Downing Street, remanding us that ministers can say and do what they like in private: it is not government policy. Each will be received with slightly

less interest than the last. The final test will come when Denis Thatcher tells The Spectator that his wife has always dreaded an invasion by creatures from outer space. "Maggie Tells of Little Green Men," the Sunday Sport will report. None

Allan Massie believes Scotland craves what is being foisted on Northern Ireland

Mr Rifkind, please do a Brooke

Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, will soon announce a new "political initiative". It is part of the job, but such initiatives are expressions not of hope but of hopelessness. The situation is intolerable and unchanging; it cannot be allowed to go on as it looks like going on. So some initiative is necessary, if only to give the illusion of change.

Unlike Mr Brooke and his predecessors, Scottish secretaries exist to prevent initiatives. The majority in Ulster may be nervous about them, but the evidence suggests that the majority in Scotland would welcome one. Scotland has not had majority rule since 1979. At the last general election, the Conser-vatives attracted less than 25 per cent of the vote, and only 10 of the 72 Scottish MPs are Tories.

All the other parties are committed to constitutional reform, but there will be no initiative from the Tories. Of course this can be justified: Scotland, unlike Northern Ireland, is fully integrated into the British political system, and must abide by the result of British elections. The Tories fight elections in Scotland, which they lose, but not in Northern Ireland, where they might win.
In both Scotland and Northern

Ireland the government's policy is consistent in one respect: it is founded on make-believe. In Ulster the government pretends that irreconcilable differences can be wished away by political initiatives; in Scotland it pretends that public dissatisfaction will disappear if it is ignored. This is a rum way to carry on.

The Conservatives were not always indifferent to constitutional reform in Scotland. In the early 1970s they were ahead of Labour in promising devolution. Then - partly because of the fears of supporters in the business community, and partly because of the nature of Labour's proposals they argued against Labour's devolution bills. But they still did not oppose the principle.

In the 1979 referendum, Lord Home advised Scots to vote "no" because the bill was fatwed and the Conservatives would bring in a better one. In government, however, things were different; Mrs a socialist policy. Her first sec-retary of state, George Younger, contrived to govern Scotland as Willie Ross had done under Harold Wilson, keeping Scottish matters as far as possible separate from business affecting Britain as a whole. It did not work. The Conservatives lost ground in the

In 1986, Younger was replaced by Malcolm Rifkind, a man of charm, energy and intelligence who is liked and admired even by opponents. But the 1987 election was a disaster. The Tory response was to offer more of the same. Scotland was to be given a crash course in Thatcherism. Rifkind, though a devolutionist in the 1970s, did not demur. Michael Forsyth, a Thatcherite zealot, became an under-secretary at the Scottish office, and then chairman of the party in Scotland. For a couple of years, these two defied the idea that government supported only by a handful of Scottish Tories would be impossible. The inability to man the select committee on Scottish affairs and its consequent abolition

harm. The Scottish economy was fairly buoyant, and the spirit of the party revived. The deliberations of the Scottish convention on the constitution were ignored, apparently with impunity.

In the last few weeks, things have come unstuck. The crash course may be heading for a crash landing. Rifkind's own position is imperilled. First came his blunder of failing to spot discrimination against Scotland in the budget over poll-tax refunds. Then came the evidence of his impotence in the face of British Steel's announcement that its Ravenscraig mill was to close.

Finally there came the shambles of the Legal Reforms (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill. This has been the most damaging and most significant episode, because it reveals the essential weakness of the Tory position. The damage has been done, not by the Opposition, but by the handful of Scottish Tory backbenchers, in particular by Allan Stewart, Bill Walker (vicechairman of the Scottish party) and Sir Nicholas Fairbairn. What is significant is that all are staunch unionists, who have scorned prohave opposed the bill from a nationalist standpoint, on the grounds that something fun-damental to the Scottish identity, the separate and historic legal system, is being subjected to important reforms which are illconsidered and condescending, and which were not given suf-ficient debating time in committee. They have been behaving like Scottish Gaullists.

Their position is logically flawed, for they seem not to realise that they are effectively saying that these are matters for a properly representative Scottish parlia-ment; but in arriving at the Gaullist position, they have adopted the only attitude which gives the Scottish Tories any hope of recovery. For that hope to be realised, there would have to be a political initiative of the type we are promised in Ulster, but it will not come this side of a general election. It may take the loss of another four or five seats to make a Conservative government re-alise that Scotland cannot be satisfactorily governed without constitutional reform.

Why the giant of Europe must expect some knocks

seemed to do the government no

Daniel Johnson puts the Ridley affair

in the context of a century of

mutual admiration and resentment

othing could be more childish than to dismiss Nicholas Ridley's lampooning of Germany in The Spectator as the product of English eccentricity or, like the West German Liberal leader Count Otto Lambsdorff, to accuse him of being drunk. A Prussian Junker who lost a leg in battle in 1944, when the Nazi cause was already hopeless, Count Lambsdorff knows better than most that Hitler and Auschwitz are never far from the surface of German public life,

Just a year before the Berlin Wall was breached, the Speaker of the Bundestag, Philipp Jenninger, was forced to resign after a speech which was thought much too kind to those who followed Hitler. Many Germans privately agreedwith every word; yet they ac-quiesced in the resignation. Like Jenninger, Ridley is both a scapegoat and a conduit.

National stereotypes accompany the more complex harmonics of historical reality, in a deeper register. For 40 years, the British have treated the Germans with a healthy respect, only occa-sionally mingled with resentment at their greater commercial success. Hostile sentiments have been dissipated in the fantasies of war films and comic strips. To expect this easy-going attitude to remain indifferent or uncritical towards German reunification and its consequences is unreason-

Like the post-1945 period, the mid-19th century was marked by mutual German-British admiration. The British regarded the first German unification of modern times in 1871 with equanimity. Palmerston did nothing to prevent it, though like the politicians of the present he thought the obstacles would prove insuperable. Carlyle. George Eliot, Arnold and Acton had elevated the reputation of German culture and thought. Their enthusiasm was reciprocated by enlightened Germans such as Baron Bunsen and Prince Albert. It was the incubation time for many of the liberal ideas -

such as federalism and the Rechtsstaat (state of laws) - which were much later to be revived by the architects of the present Federal Republic.

But as the American scholar Charles McClelland demonstrated in The German Historians and England: "Once the Germans established their commonwealth in 1871...the English ideal be-came superfluous." The era of high imperialism generated an Anglo-German rivalry so intense that even the international royal network, which had maintained good relations since the Hanoverian accession, ultimately failed Kaiser Wilhelm II, raised as a caricature of an English gentleman, became implacably hostile when his neurotic love of England remained unrequited In both world wars, each nation

turned the very characteristics it had most wanted to emulate into hateful abuse. The Germans, whose trade and industry owed everything to "Manchester liberalism", now sneered at the British as decadent, hypocritical misers. The British became persuaded that the nation of Beethoven and Einstein was now populated entirely by

The division of Germany enabled the West Germans to profit from this Manichean image: they were the "good Germans", while the goose-stepping heirs of the Nazis were instantly recognizable in East Germany. A united Germany must reckon with the loss of this convenient diversion. Germans can no longer expect the kidglove treatment dictated by their allies' need to support them as the front-line of the West.

The future of the Soviet Union is uncertain, and the German relationship with Moscow remains of cardinal importance for the balance of power in the new Europe. If Russia retreats into nationalist introspection, the Germans will have no rivals for influence from the Danube to the Baltic. Though German trade is still Western-orientated, as it was in the 19th century, the markets of



the East are already attractive for German capital.

Well before reunification became more than a pious hope, the danger of "German megalo-mania" was the subject of debate in West German intellectual circles. Politicians like Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Bonn's foreign minister, began to assume a new. messianic role as the saviours of

the nations from the cold war. Aimost every German pronouncement on grand diplomacy is couched in metaphysical terms. and these have lately permeated joint Western communiqués too. At the heart of this eschatology lies the Wagnerian idea that the healing of Germany's wound will mean that Europe, too, becomes whole again. The Germans have a special duty, because they were responsible for Europe's martyrdom, to bring about peace in our time. The old warlike imagery has been inverted - not the Germans nor even the Russians, but Mrs Thatcher and the British are now seen as belligerent - but a divine aureole still shimmers above

Johannes Gross, the Cologne columnist who is among the most cold-blooded living anatomists of the German psyche, has a less exciting verdict: the end of the German question, he declares, means the end of Germany's uniqueness. German politics, he believes, will now be subsumed into European politics. But if the tragic era of German history has come to an end, as so manyGerman intellectuals likewise in-mented after 1871; will the mis-sion to computerise Mitteleuropa, to stamp the whole continent with made in Germany, suffice for

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the next generation?
Alfred Herthausen, the omni-competent head of the Deutsche Bank who was murdered by terrorists last year, struck me as the archetypal modern German when I talked to him in Moscow in 1988 after he and Mr. Gorbachev had signed a £1 billion loan agreement. His urbane, slightly cynical intelligence, his muscular good looks, his cosmopolitan culture were deeply impressive. In some ways he was a more powerful man than Helmut Kohl, and he deserved to be. Only later did I learn that Herritausen had attended one of the special schools where the Nazis had hoped to train their future étite. History is hard to escape even for the middle sped, even for the young.

f Germany is to hold the balance of power in the new Europe, will the values that it exports continue to draw on the circuic, muted nationalism which Adensuer, Brandt and Kohl have all embodied? There is no sign yet that the surfeit of ideology from which the Germans suffered in the first half of the century has German renaissances of anti-democratic thinkers like Nietzsche and even of Nazi ones like Carl Schmitt: but these are largely confined to the seminar rooms. Reunification has dealt a severe blow to the left-wing intelligentsia in both Germanies which, unlike Marx himself, has tried to present all nationalism as daemonic.

What made the extreme ideologies of the 1920s so lethal for the Weimer Republic, though, was not their prevalence: it was the hypertrophied sense of grievance. t present the Germans have little to complain of, but that will not stop them complaining. The Ridley affair, like similar robust criticism in the American or Soviet press and Mrs Thatcher's occasional sallies, may have touched the Germans' perma-nently exposed nerve. Now so close to squaring both the superpowers, Helmut Kohl is not going to let the British give him history lessons. While we smoke a Churchillian cigar, they see only Mr Chamberlain's sorry old gamp.

Travelling on demand

abour politicians who spend most of their time attacking the evils of the poll tax have finally found an opportunity to put it to good use. Sir Dick Knowles, the Labour leader of Birmingham city council, has long been plagued by an illegal gypsy encampment in his Sparkbrook ward - part of Roy Hattersley's parliamentary constituency.

He had tried every trick in the book to banish them, and his electors grew increasingly impatient with every failure. A personal appeal led to a colourful suggestion as to what he could do with his chain of office. As a last resort - "Normally I would not wish it on my worst enemy" - he turned to that hated symbol of Thatcherite injustice and sent in the poll tax inspectors. Within minutes of their arrival, the gypsies were on the move.

But Knowles's success may spell fresh difficulties for Nicholas Ridley, one of the most enthusiastic Tory supporters of the charge. The gypsies were last seen heading in the direction of Cirencester and Tewkesbury, my old friend Nick Ridley's constituency," says Knowles. "I'm sure he will be happy to accommodate them."

Bread and wine party 7 as Christ a vegetarian?

The question is currently causing schism in the Vatican, where a new book by a Catholic priest famous for inviting his congregation to bring their pets to mass insists that meat was definitely off the menu at the Last

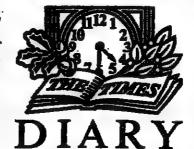
Supper. Monsignor Mario Canciani says in Religions and Animals in Noah's Ark that Christ officially abolished the sacrifice of the passover lamb at the Last Supper. He shunned meat, even the traditional paschal lamb, says the book, while the apostles Peter, James and John followed his vegetarian example. Monsignor Canciani has now started a campaign to abolish church readings from the Book of Exodus describing the sacrifice of the lamb.

Other priests are inclined to scoff. "We don't know what was on the menu at the Last Supper," says Father Christopher Cunning-ham, of St Etheldreda's church in Holborn. "We haven't had a copy of the bill." What can hardly be denied is that Christ enjoyed a little fish with his loaf and was no teetotaller. Perhaps Monsignor Canciani's next work will tell us whether the water that turned into wine became red or white.

Last Haw-Haw

Tindsight is a wonderful thing, and after more than a century of complaints about omissions from The Dictionary of National Biography, Dr Christine Nichols, the present editor, is to produce by 1993 a volume chronicling the lives of 1,250 neglected worthies. More than 900 experts have been commissioned to write biographies of those who slipped through the net, including Lillie Langtry, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Wilfred Owen, Eric Liddell, the runner restored to public attention by Chariots of Fire, and Mrs Beeton.

"Many people became famous after their death, so it's important to include them now," explains



Nichols. "We are even including Patrick Pearse and James Connolly, who played a prominent part in the 1916 Easter Rising in Dublin. Anyone who made an impact, whether for good or bad, ought to be included." Despite this principle, Lord Shawcross, a prosecutor at the Nuremberg trials, has refused to contribute a piece on William Joyce, the traitor who became Germany's favourite wartime propagandist, Lord Haw-Haw, As attorney-general in the immediate post-war period, Shawcross prosecuted Joyce and says he strongly disapproves of "rogues and traitors" being in-cluded in the dictionary. The DNB disagrees, and Dr Nichols has recruited an academic to do the iob. "You can't rewrite history,"

● Lord Justice Staughton raised a few eyebrows in the Law Courts this week when, in a written judgment on an insurance dispute, he referred to thousands of pounds as 'k". Legal watchers say it is the first recorded use of yuppie-speak by a senior judicial figure. One yearns for the days when judges leant across the bench to inquire, "What exactly is a discotheque?"

she savs.

Force of habit

Germania.

s the Arts Council prepares A to move in, the West-minster building formerly occupied by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel has been given a comprehensive facelift. One memorial to its former occupants will remain, however. Four floors up, set into the corner of the building's exterior, stands a 3ft statue of a mendicant. With hand expectantly outstretched towards Conservative Central Office in Smith Square, the figure will make an

it's to save the fabric of my heritage guv.

appropriate mascot for the Arts Council, whose chairman, Peter Palumbo, recently unveiled a grandiose plan to raise £1 billion to save the fabric of our heritage.

Personally...

rt punters may be unhappy with the erratic prices obtained by the major auction houses, but to try and sell two Van Goghs through the small ads of The Times seems to be taking disaffection too far. On Thursday disaffection too far. On Thursday
Dr Christopher Hertzog of the "live performance" was lost.

Move over Maureen Lipman; it sounds like a must for British Telecom's next TV advert.

of two very valuable original paintings. 0243 374538". Dr Hertzog told those who rang that he wants £14 million for one and £8.42 million for the other, but for security reasons would not disclose the titles. Logic might have suggested that it should be the other way round, but no matter. Hertzog described himself to

callers as a "practitioner in alternative medicine" and said that he was merely a middle-man who had been approached "because of my contacts in the art world". Anyone ringing the number yes-terday to offer £22.4 million found themselves talking to an unlikely saleswoman in the form of Dr Hertzog's mother-in-law, who is somewhat hard of hearing. She admitted her connection with the doctor, but said she had no idea when he would return, and knew nothing about any paintings. On hearing the news that further works by the world's most expensive artist were up for grabs, Michel Strauss, resident Impressionist expert at Sotheby's, reacted with total scepticism. He had not rung Hertzog, he said, and

 Because of a hitch in getting a passport, the black South African poet Mzwakhe Mbuli could not appear in person at Hammersmith's Riverside Studios for his first public reading in Britain. But the audience of 100, who had paid £6 a head, were not too disappointed. "We telephoned Mzwakhe in South Africa," says a Riverside spokesman, "and he read his poems down the line." It was so clear that not one syllable of

has intention of doing so.

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GORBACHEV'S PARTY TRICK

The 28th congress of the Soviet Communist Party, originally convened by Mikhail Gorbachev in the hope of making the party the springboard for political reform, began with a remarkable outpouring of diehard resentment against Mr Gorbachev. If one man encapsulated the delegates' mood, it was Yegor Ligachev, whose denunciations of private property and the market economy and defence of Marxism-Leninism won him standing ovations. Yet his bid for the deputy leadership ended in humiliation, defeated one to five by Mr Gorbachev's nominee Vladimir Ivashko, a colourless apparatchik from the Ukraine who has resigned the republic's presidency to take the deputy's job.

The defeat of the hardline faction headed by Mr Ligachev, coupled with the resignation of Boris Yeltsin and the announced breakaway of the small reformist Democratic Platform, leaves the party more ideologically cohesive, but weaker and more manageable. Mr Gorbachev's decision to stay as general secretary is due less to optimism in the party's ability to regenerate itself, than to his calculation that it is still powerful. Its boss

How long that is true depends on two things: Mr Gorbachev's use of his new presidential powers, and developments in the soviets of the republics. He was forced to compromise on details, such as the deletion of the word "market" from the party's commission for economic reform. These were footnotes: this congress, for all the hostile rhetoric, approved by a large majority changes in the way Soviet power is exercised. Mr Gorbachev dressed them up as essential "for the authority of the party to grow", but in practice they will ease the party's relegation to the sidelines of policy-

The party nomenklatura still permeates industry and the bureaucracy, and ending that domination (and power to obstruct reforms) will require time. But the party has ceded much to the state in this, the first serious battle in the war for control of the country. The mayors of Moscow and Leningrad have resigned their party cards. For the first time, it is now possible for the Soviet Union to be governed without the Communist Party, through the presidential council, the government, and the Soviet congress of people's deputies.

The politburo has for some time ceased to be the undisputed power centre of the Soviet

Union. But this has now been underlined by the decision of Vladimir Kryuchkov, head of the KGB, and of two of Mr Gorbachev's closest and most astute allies, Aleksandr Yakovlev and the foreign minister, Eduard Shevardnadze, to give up their seats. The politburo is expected to meet only about once a month - too infrequently to impinge on the presidential council's decisions. The central committee, the traditional power base of the apparatchiks, has also lost the keys to its power: the right to elect the polithuro and the party leader now rests exclusively with the party congress, which Mr Gorbachev has proved his power to manipulate.

The party has not only lost its monopoly of power at the top, but at the level of party cells. The party will continue to organise in the KGB, the army and the factories - but other parties will in theory have similar rights. Radicals would have liked to abolish these cells, but a first step has been taken. There are already signs of grassroot contempt for the commissars - factories have been busy disbanding the party cells - which can only be enhanced by this ending of their monopoly on political mobilisation. What these changes, taken together, mean is that people will now be able to rise to positions of power without depending on preferment through the party

These are considerable gains for the reformers, even if they no more ensure multi-party democracy than do the decisions by Mr Yeltsin and most of the hundred or so members of the Democratic Platform to split away from the party. Grassroots defections from the party will accelerate following Mr Yeltsin's defection. Building a new party, or parties, is a different matter. The appointment yesterday of a noted hardliner as political chief of the armed forces demonstrates the determination of the party's power-brokers not to give up without a

The paradox is that by deciding to continue to preside over the party he has skilfully begun to emasculate - a decision for which the radicals revile him - Mr Gorbachev may have given the democrats the space they need to build the foundations of an alternative, pluralistic, political structure. Yet by remaining at the head of a party which has, these past weeks, done everything to discredit itself with the Soviet electorate, he has taken a gamble with his own political career.

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE

London is in trouble and heading for more, according to the Henley Centre's forecast of the capital's likely prospects in the next decade. The Centre finds the capital's economy is out of balance, and too many of the common facilities, public transport most obviously, inadequate for the load imposed. For these and other reasons, more and more companies have been moving their businesses away from London. Since its peak of nearly nine million. Greater London has declined to some 6.78 million today.

No longer is the capital the only metropolitan engine driving the country forward. London's loss has been the rest of Britain's gain. The balance between London and the provinces has shifted in the latter's favour. If a London depression automatically depressed the rest of the country, the prospect would be serious. If anything, the opposite is the case.

In the last five years 28 major companies have left London, 23 of them settling elsewhere in the southeast. Put off by the capital's congestion and high costs, they have gone in search of a better quality of life. The other big cities of Britain have at last started to compete.

Glasgow is making the most of its grandiloquent new title: "European city of culture". Birmingham, with its own Royal Ballet, exhibition centre and new £27 million concert hall, can hardly wait to become the Arts Council's first British "city of culture" next year. Cardiff, Inverness, Carlisle, Warrington, Northampton and Leeds are among some 30 other centres showing signs of prosperous redevelopment. Their success is due to imaginative local effort.

Vigorous public relations campaigns throughout the regions, in Wales and Scotland,

have brought domestic, as well as Japanese and American, investment. Nor is such a provincial drift confined to Britain. Madrid has its Barcelona; Rome its Milan; Bonn its Frankfurt, Munich and Hamburg, Berlin its Dresden and Leipzig; while Paris, less emphatically, its Lyons. A more even spread of prosperity and culture throughout a grossly over-centralised modern state should be welcomed. Opinion polls show that most people hanker after village life. Telecommuting - linking with city centres by modem rather than by motorway will, the Henley Centre predicts, be common by the end of this century.

The naive reaction to this trend is for Londoners instantly to demand vast public expenditure to keep London big or make it bigger - as recommended by the Henley Centre. To be sure, there are specific improvements which London needs and which appear to have been overlooked in the recent aversion to metropolitan government. Londoners may lack the self-assertiveness of New Yorkers or Parisians, but most of them care enough about their city to be ashamed of its shabbiness and discomforts. In particular, the state of public transport in London and the filth of its public spaces is a scandalous comment on one of Toryism's less appealing enthusiasms, private affluence amid public squalor.

But London has always benefited by the free flow of market forces, in people, in goods and services, in lifestyle and fashion. If there really is a drift away from the capital, so much the better for those left behind. If other cities are challenging London's prominence in culture, finance, transport and politics, well and good. Long live the competition is the best route to long live London.

OF PIKE AND MEN

At the behest of Hyde Park officials, anglers have netted some 40 prime pike from the Serpentine and moved them to a new residence in the Thames. Their purpose was to save ducklings from the pike and at the same time provide good sport on the river.

Mother Nature may have different ideas. An alternative outcome of this unwarranted interference is that the Serpentine could be over-run by ducks while the Thames will be systematically stripped of fish - except for 40 sleek and predatory monsters and their offspring. Who put the pike in the lake in the first place anyway? People play around with nature at their peril.

Not since Robert Burns ploughed up a mouse and worried his neighbours by starting a conversation with it, has mankind been so concerned about ecology. Unfortunately the capacity to cause upset has more than kept pace with those good intentions. Take the case of the gamekeepers in the West Midlands. They pumped a dead bird full of a banned pesticide to kill a fox who was gobbling up their pheasants. Their bag included not only a gundog but a rare red kite (one of 11 imported from Sweden to this country) and they paid for their misdeed in court. Brer Fox is presumably

laughing fit to kill. The beasts of the field have worked out their own pecking order. As long as nobody interferes, it works. A succession of mild winters means more greenfly; but it also means more ladybirds to eat them. Cats catch small birds which pick up spiders who enmesh bluebottles whose maggots eat whatever is lying around. He who treads on an ant is

standing on someone's lunch. Man has not yet learnt his place in all this.

When he spent all his time hunting down mammoth and clubbing them to death with flintstone axes, nature no doubt kept him in mind in all its planning. His behaviour was predictable: he killed only for food or clothing. Those creatures not fated for his menu or wardrobe could carry on their carnage undisturbed.

Nature must have been puzzled when man started to farm, keep pets, kill for sport, rescue ducks from pikes, or treat Swedish red kites like the Crown Jewels. Man's mistake was not to tell nature he had overruled it. The rabbits ate his crops, foxes stole his chickens and otters continued to take his fish - unaware that the odd-looking fellow in tweeds and wellingtons, standing 200 yards downstream in pouring rain was more or less in charge, or so he thought.

Nature will clearly require several millennia of mutation once again to get the better of mankind. Birds still overfly Italy in the spring, foxes still risk their necks in hen runs. Rare British birds have yet to learn to build their nests beyond homo sapiens' reach, and up to 50,000 of their eggs are stolen every year, usually by grown men who would be more gainfully employed in spotting trains.

People feed pigeons (then complain when these proliferate); keep pet snakes (which escape among the runner beans); rear grouse then shoot them, send greyhounds coursing after hares. Their latest offer of a helping hand to nature is to save ducks from pike, successfully, and to save kites from foxes, less so. Sooner or later natural selection could catch up, but only if man would stop interfering. Otherwise the pike-proof duck, the fox-proof kite, will never evolve at all.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rumpus over Ridley puts the spotlight on Europe

From Mr J. A. McK. Holloway

Sir, Mr Ridley's remarks may clearly portray the true feelings of many of those people who fear continental European influence. Anyone who crosses the Channel will quickly recognise the greater level of improvements in infrastructure and prosperity over there relative to us.

Conversations with lawyers will reveal the existence of a level of protection of the individual greater than here, accompanied by a much easier and affordable system of access to legal remedies. Their education system and bureaucracy recognise the value of the technically trained so that

their economies are more vibrant and forward-looking than ours.

Planning involving all important interests is a regular feature of the strategic political approach in the strategic political interests over these and is not process over there and is not hampered by the same degree of bureaucratic secretiveness which is evident bere.

I think my future, as an individual at least, is probably better protected by the EC than by representatives of the old aristocracies whose interests may lie in keeping hold of their own substantial share of the national cake.

Yours faithfully, J. A. McK. HOLLOWAY. Holloway's Orchard, Hartlip, Kent.

July 13. From Mr J. O. May

Sir, For the Prime Minister to say, as she did in the House of Commons today, that the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry has unreservedly withdrawn his outrageous remarks in The Speciator interview, and that he had not reflected the Government's views, is simply not good enough.

That a senior cabinet minister should publicly make such insulting and intemperate remarks about this country's two main partners in the Community and get away with an apology would inevitably be regarded by large numbers of people, here and abroad, as proof that HM Government is deeply divided in its attitude towards meaningful cooperation with our Community Dartners.

Yours faithfully, J. O. MAY, 6 Millhedge Close, Cobham, Surrey. July 12. From Mr Graham Kelly

Sir, Mr Ridley's comments to The Spectator were shocking enough, but even more distressing were some of the comments I have heard on the radio, which were, at best, evenly divided between true reflection of British sentiment towards the Community in general and the Germans in particu-

Having lost a brother in the war and working as I do for a Community institution, I am well qualified to understand both points of view. What I cannot understand, or condone, is the narrow-mindedness of people who cannot see the fundamental reality of today - that no nation in the Community could survive economically outside it.

Britam is fortunate to be a member of a club which is growing in importance and stature every day and it ill behoves a govern-ment minister to level schoolboy jibes either at another member or at the duly appointed officers of the chib.

Regarding Mr Ridley's remark that the mark is likely to remain strong because of German "habits" - how right he is. Once upon a time the pound could be relied on because of British "habits" and I. for one, would be delighted to see their return.

Yours etc., GRAHAM KELLY, 290 Chaussée de Malines, 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem, Belgium. July 13.

From Sir Kenneth Lewis

Sir. It is always sad but not surprising that so many in politics today at Westminster seem to be much more interested in securing government office than sticking to a point of view they clearly hold on important issues. It must be even more surprising when this applies to a minister who withdraws comments he expressed so firmly and with such deliberate colour that he must clearly still believe them.

When, quite soon, the crunch comes on which way Europe develops, and if this is not favourable to the views of either Mr Nicholas Ridley or Mrs Thatcher but is accepted by the cabinet, who then resigns? Yours faithfully. KENNETH LEWIS,

Redlands, Preston, Oakham, Rutland.

From Mr William Kings Sir, I am a British subject who works for a major British company and has lived in West Germany since 1974. Over the years I have seen Britain stand up, on several occasions, for principles which have, in the long term, proved to be right.

On the other hand, there has been a consistent impression that

As we approach 1992, busi-

nesses will increasingly require

access to skilled labour and will be

less able to afford the costs of

unproductive imprisonment and rising crime. Businesses could and should play a part in improving-

employment opportunities within

prisons. In particular, there may-

offered in prisons in their areas

can be improved with private-

The Woolf enquiry offers a

unique opportunity for a thorough

examination of prison regimes.

Let us now hope that the provision

of meaningful work for inmates is

one of its first recommendations

sector assistance.

for action.

July 11.

those appalled by the remarks and the country is a reluctant Euro-those who thought that they were a pean. (I almost wrote "we", but pean. (I almost wrote "we", but after so long in the heart of Europe I cannot identify with this feeling).

Do people not understand that our future lies in a strong Europe? The continued prestige that Mrs Thatcher so longs for for Britain can only be maintained in the long term by everybody committing themselves to a united continent. Yours faithfully,

W. KINGS. Am Eckbusch 55a, D-5600 Wuppertal 1, West Germany. July 13.

From Mr John Stobart Sir, Might it not be that Mr Ridley, in his recent interview, was voicing the feelings and even convictions of many thousands of people in this country who have memories and knowledge of more than the last 40 years, and are thereby becoming increasingly uneasy by some of the recent trends in Europe?

Yours faithfully, JOHN STOBART, 24 Finborough Road, SW10. July 13.

From Mr J. L. Nightingale Sir, As a boy I was taught the following verse:

Boys flying kites haul in their white winged birds. You can't do that when you are

flying words.
Thoughts unexpressed may often fall back dead, But God Himself can't stop them when they're said.

Yours truly, J. LESLIE NIGHTINGALE, I Haddon Close, Rushden, Northamptonshire. July 12.

From Miss M. H. Coffman Sir, I support Nicholas Ridley, intemperate or not. We were asked whether we wished to join a common market for our goods, not a common country to which we would have to surrender our freedom and individuality. Yours faithfully, M. COFFMAN,

Crown Cottage, 12 Leicester Road, Groby, Leicestershire. July i3.

From Mr. Alan Curnow Sir, Nicholas Ridley is a sanctimonious hypocrite, an arrogant nonentity, a time-serving beneficiary. of patronage and a downwardly-mobile disaster area

On reflection, I unreservedly withdraw these remarks. Yours politically, ALAN CURNOW, 37 Cecil Road, Norwich, Norfolk. July 12.

Political reforms

From Mr Paul Farthing

Training in prisons From Lord Mishcon and others

Sir, As Lord Justice-Woolf begins causes of the disturbances at Strangeways and elsewhere, we write to express our concern at the lack of available work and training in our penal institutions.

At Strangeways, more than 300 sentenced prisoners were perma-nently unemployed and a lack of workshop places means that few or no remand prisoners have the opportunity to work. Only just over a third of the inmate population at Manchester is engaged in any work. The picture elsewhere is little better.

We cannot continue to tolerate system which discharges exprisoners with few or no skills and work experience into the community, giving them little chance of gaining employment but every chance of joining the majority of adult males who then reoffend within two years of leaving prison.

Ouebec's future

From Professor Robertson Davies Sir, As a Canadian of long descent think I speak for many of my kind when I say how deeply distressed we should be if the present breakdown in constitutional discussions led to a separation of Quebec from the rest of Canada. On two previous occasions, at the time of the American Revolution, and later during the war of 1812, Quebec was given a chance to leave Canada and refused to do so. We hope that if such a decision were put to the whole population of the province, rather than to the people in a few large cities, it would be declined.

Canadians as a whole value Quebec as a part of our complex society because of its individuality and outlook, and for the invaluable contribution it makes to our country's artistic life, to single out only one element that makes Quebec important to us. Disagreements between old friends should not bring about permanent ruptures.

Yours faithfully, ROBERTSON DAVIES (Founding Master), Massey College, University of Toronto, 4 Devonshire Place, Toronto M5S 2E1, Canada.

Language teaching

Sir, In the context of the current

debate on foreign-language teach-

ing in Britain (leading article, June 27; letters, July 3, 12) it may be of

interest to know how things are

done at Bilkent University in

Ankara, where I am a lecturer in

diplomacy and international rela-

English is the medium of

instruction there in all subjects

except Ottoman constitution and

law. Knowledge of the language in

the student body of nearly 5,000

From Sir Horace Phillips

tions.

Unfurnished flats From Mr Nicholas C. Cummins

SAINSBURY, ADDINGTON,

Yours faithfully. VICTOR MISHCON,

LIONEL MURRAY.

DEREK EZRA,

House of Lords.

Sir, The availability of unfurnished flats or houses to let is a common denominator in the national prosperity of most_developed countries, except in Britain, Here, due to anachronistic rent acts that have since been modified, landlords continue to feel that they must offer "fully furnished" flats or houses, rather thus unfurnished ones.

This adversely affects the mobility of labour nationwide, as many prefer to take their own furniture with them. From my long and futile search for a small unfurnished flat to let I have found that the problem clearly is one where market custom and psychology has not caught up to benevolent changes in the law. One easy solution would be for

newspapers to list separately furnished and unfurnished lettings. as is done in other countries. That would alert both landlords and tenants to an alternative way of letting that would benefit everyone, and simultaneously ease both employment and housing dislocation. Yours sincerely

young Turks ranges from excellent

to good. Those whose knowledge

is lower are not admitted to a

faculty until they have qualified

after a year at the university's

English language school. There

they are taught by several dozen

young British and American

graduates imported on contract -

as in Japan, as described by Mr

Once in the faculty, undergrad-uates are immersed in active use

of English for the three years of

their course. They are taught by

the few foreign lecturers or by

Turkish staff who are themselves

mostly the postgraduate product

Robert Ramsay (July 3).

N. C. CUMMINS, 47 Meriden Court, Chelsea Manor Street, SW3.

be a role for training and enterprise councils in exploring ways in which the work and training

Robert Maciennan, MP ("Writing on the constitutional wall", July 6) is a brave move. The Liberal Democrats have published not only a written constitution for Britain, but also a timetable for its realisation. This significantly develops the argument for a modern democracy for Britain. But while the document is

called "We, the people . . . Towards a Written Constitution" in fact the people play little part in its proposed model, which excludes direct participation, and remains deeply parliamentary. Change of the scale proposed by Mr Maclennan, however, demands citizens actively revitalising the democratic process. While political parties neglect this, reforms put forward by them are unlikely to represent the wishes of "the people" or carry the authority they need to succeed. Yours sincerely

PAUL FARTHING, 107 Richmond Hill Court, Richmond, Surrey. July 10.

De minimis

From Mr Antony W. Atkins Sir, Some years ago I needed some small bronze washers for a boat and was told by a local hardware shop that if they could be obtained they would cost 5p each. I ordered 20 but cancelled the order when I found that the newly-withdrawn 4p coin, measuring approximately 17mm x 1mm, was the size I wanted.

What, I wonder, was the production cost difference between a disc with a hole in it and the redundant smallest coin of the realm, which I was to deface at a saving of 90p? Yours faithfully,

A. W. ATKINŠ, St Nicholas Cottage, Leeds, Maidstone, Kent.

From Mrs Iris Hill Sir, Mr Ben Morland (July 6) can add a fourth reason for the new 5p piece: the Christmas pudding. Yours faithfully, IRIS HILL, Fair View, Carmarthen Road,

Newcastle-Emlyn, Dyfed. July 6.

of British or American univer-

sities, with of course excellent

The performance of both sexes of undergraduates in English in class and in written examination would outdo most British students' efforts in foreign languages. I share Mr Ramsay's view that the latter might do better if they had the advantage of sustained ex-ercise with native speakers

brought in for the purpose.

Yours faithfully. HORACE PHILLIPS, 34a Sheridan Road, Merton Park, SW19.

English.

Future of music college training

From the Principal of Guildhall School of Music and Drama Sir, In his article on the training of musicians (Arts, July 3) Richard Morrison asked a number of pertinent questions about the provision of music teaching throughout the educational system. While the advent of the National Curriculum — with music one of the core subjects — will surely address the work to be done in schools, what is disappointing in the recent Gowrie report (details, June 20) on the future of music college training in London is that it fails properly to address what the conservatoires should be doing. It is long on received opinion and short on

practical wisdom. It also failed to do any more than throw a passing reference to the other major music college in London - the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. This is a missed opportunity because the conservatoire world is too small and too important to omit other major players from such a dis-

The contribution of the GSMD to a debate on the purpose of conservatoire training would have been thus: while one role is certainly to train musicians to the highest level of performing achievement, it is also, fundamentally, to train musicians (as opposed to technical whizz-kids) who are flexible in both attitude and ability to the community in which they are to serve.

This flexibility needs to commence as soon as they start their studies. This is why we have introduced for all our music undergraduates the development of performance and communication skills, and the response to this from a wide range of the musical community, in both this country and abroad, indicates that there is a genuine desire to see the role of the musician in a much wider context than has hitherto been the

Yours faithfully, IAN HORSBRUGH, Principal, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Barbican, EC2. July 9.

Summoned by bells

From Mr Christopher Groome Sir, The publicity wrought by eight people ringing the bells at towers around the Lincoln diocese, without obtaining proper permission, is an isolated incident (report, July 4). Steps are being taken toidentify the culprits. Such publicity spoils the enjoyment of visiting churches around the British Isles for the other 35,000 or so bell-ringers, who follow a code of behaviour.

The 1988 Survey on Bell Ring-Sir. The initiative outlined by ing revealed that, there are approximately 5,200 rings of five or more bells in the British Isles; 63 per cent are rung regularly on Sundays, 7 per cent are unringable and 30 per cent have insufficient ringers to be able to call people to

worship on Sundays. The Central Council of Church Bellringers is keen to attract lapsed and new people to ringing. Often referred to as campanology, it is a blend of sport, music, exercise, friendship, a challenge to one's wits and skill, wonderful satisfaction when "you get it right" and a service to the church.

Yours faithfully. CHRISTOPHER GROOME (President, Central Council of Church Bellringers), 22 Duke Street, Burton Latimer,

Kettering, Northamptonshire. From the Reverend Arundel Barker

Sir, One of the greatest reliefs on my retirement from the parochial ministry this year has been to get away from the responsibility for bell towers and what you call "tower-grabbers" and their overbearing rudeness when the church council refuses them permission to ring bells for one reason or another.

When I moved to my retirement

home, chosen partly because of my interest in playing golf, I found that to become five-day members, at the local course would cost my wife and me £750 for the first year. We would, of course, have to provide our own clubs and balls. In view of the fact that bellringing in one tower can only be practised by one team at a time and that the participants provide none of the equipment, what do people consider would be a fair annual subscription for regular "club" members and/or visitors?

Matlock, Derbyshire. **Sweet nothings**

ARUNDEL BARKER,

Yours faithfully.

From Mr Paul Lewis Sir. John Amis (July 9) succeeded in halving John Cage's 4:33" of total silence (Diary, June 27) by the simple expediency of two performers at one piano.

7 Bull Farm Mews, Bull Lane,

This reminds me of Stravinsky's reputed remark to a journalist, following the premiere of this: work, that he looked forward to a far more extensive work from John Cage, modelled along the same lines. Yours sincerely,

PAUL LEWIS. Flat 6. Cecil Court, 2 Acol Road. West Hampstead, NW6. July 9.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -(071) 782 5046.

JOE APPIAH



COURT CIRCULAR

By command of The Queen, the Viscount Long Lord in Waiting, called upon the Governor-General of Belize this of the Church of Scotland, was received by The Queen.

The Queen left the Palace of Holyroodhouse this afternoon and subsequently visited Racal-MESL Limited at Newbridge and was received by Sir Ernest Harrison (Chairman and Chief Executive, Racal Electronics plc) and Mr Malcolm McSwan (Managing Director, Racal-MESL Limited).

Her Majesty afterwards drove to Racal Guardall (Sumited and Watson)

By command of The Queen, the Viscount Long, Lord in Waiting, called upon the Governor-General of Belize this morning at the Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria, London SW1, and, on behalf of Her Majesty on her arrival in this country.

The Princess Royal today visited Aberdeenshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Aberdeenshire (Captain Colin Farquible Her Royal Malcolm McSwan (Managing Director, Racal-MESL Limited).

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Limited and, escorted by Mr W.
Watson (Managing Director),
toured the factory and unveiled
a commemorative plaque.
The Secretary of State for
Scotland (the Right Hon Malcohm Rifkind, MP), Mrs John
Dugdale, the Right Hon Sir
William Heseltine, Mr Robin
lanvrin and Wing Commander
David Walker, RAF, were in
mendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh,

The Successived by Her Majesty's Lord
Licutenant for Aberdeenshire and was
received by Her Majesty's Lord
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(Captain Colin Farquharson).

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Honorary Fellow, this morning visited the Headquarters of the Royal Incorporation of Archi-tects in Scotland (RIAS) in Edinburgh and was received by the President (Mr John

Spencely).

Major Sir Guy Acland, Bt, and Lieutenant-Commander Malcolm Sillars, RN, were in

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, attended a reception for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, at the Palace of

His Royal Highness later left The Princess Royal left the Palace of Holyroodhouse this

The engagement is announced

between David, only son of the late C.L. Beattie and of Mrs B.

Beattie, of Borehamwood,

Hertfordshire, and Jennie, daughter of Dr and Mrs Anthony Stevens, of Marden,

The engagement is announced

between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs J. Beswick, of White House, Redhill, Hertfordshire, and Sophie, daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs F.W.

Dokerty, of Delburn House, Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

The engagement is announced between John, son of Doreen and the late Stan Daniel, of Yorkshire, and Rosy, daughter of the late Drs Ross and Mary

Thomson, of Derbyshire.

Mr J. Berwick and Miss S.M. Doberty

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Dr N.J. Deschur

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Banbury. Mr J.D.R. Howard

and Dr S.P. Jones

and Miss C. Iversen

Copenhagen, Denmark.

Captain A.W. Jones

and Miss S. Clarke

Totteridge, London.

Dinners

Mr J.G. King and Miss J.C. Fernyhough

Fernyhough, of Cowbridge, South Giamorgan.

Institute of Legal Execution
Mr J.R. Butler gave a reception
and dinner last night at the
County Hotel, Canterbury, after
his election as President of the

Institute of Legal Executives. The High Sheriff of Kent and

Mrs Warde were among those

Peter B. Carter, QC A dinner was held in the Middle

Temple Hall on Friday, July 13, 1990, in honour of Peter B. Carter, QC, teacher of law and Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford, for 40 years. Lord Goff

of Chieveley presided. The speakers were the Chief Justice of Western Australia, Professor

or western Austrana, Professor Trevor Anderson, QC, and Mr Peter B. Carter, QC. Among those present were members of the legal profession from the UK, USA, and the Commonwealth.

Lord Dainton, Chancellor of the University of Sheffield, was the

host at a graduation dinner held

vesterday evening in Firth Hall, Sheffield. Professor Geoffrey Sims, Vice-Chancellor, Mr Don-ald Trelford, Editor of *The*

Observer, Dr Julian Farrand, former Law Commissioner and now Ombudsman for the In-

surance Industry, and Professor

Norman Blake, Pro-Vice-Chan-

cellor, were among the speakers. £307,060.

University of Sheffield

and the late Mrs Inge Iversen, of

The engagement is announced between Captain Andrew

Watson Jones, Royal Artillery, younger son to Mr John Jones,

discuss progress of the Business in the Community Environ-

mental Target Team.
Subsequently His Royal
Highness received Mr lain
Vallance and Mrs Suzanne

Afteerwards The Prince of

Wales received Mr Peter Henshall (retiring Managing Director of Business in the

The Sultan of Brunei calebrates his birthday tomorrow.

Forthcoming

marriages

ing Convention Peoples party (CPP) before Ghana's independence. With his sharp legal mind and gregarious personality, he was for some time Nkrumah's personal representative in London. Appiah met the then Miss Peggy Cripps while he was also studying law in London. The wedding in July 1953 between the daughter of the austere Labour chancellor, who had died only the year before, and a member of a family of Ashanti chiefs was the delight of the gossip columnists of the

At the marriage ceremony itself the very English brocade gown of the bride countered the dress of the groom, who arrived in tribal ceremonial Aberdeen (Councillor Robert Robertson). The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke robes. The press had a great time describing it all. The couple eventually returned to was in attendance.
KENSINGTON PALACE
July 13: The Prince of Wales,
President, Business in the
Community, held a meeting to the Gold Coast after Appiah

the Middle Temple.

OBITUARIES

Joe Appiah, Ghanaian poli-tician, who in 1953 married Peggy Cripps, the daughter of Sir Stafford Cripps, died aged 71 in Accra on July 8. He was born on November 16, 1918.

JOE Appial's political career

was initially very close to

Kwame Nkrumah in the rul-

He worked for a while in Nkrumah's private office, but the two men split in 1955, largely over questions of individual liberties, as there were already signs of authoritarianism in the CPP. Appiah joined with other liberal-minded opponents of the CPP under the leadership of Dr Kofi Busia in the United Nationalist party. He campaigned against the notorious

had qualified as a barrister at



fell victim, being detained without trial for 15 months

Another of his great in-

terests was the place of geology

in education. He was president of the Association of

Teachers of Geology in 1972

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For a period Appiah gave up politics completely, depressed both by Nkrumah's Appiah became a member of philosophy at an American Preventive Detention Act of dictatorship and the health the national political com-1958, to which he eventually problems brought on by his mittee set up by the military to daughters.

detention. After the 1966 cours against Nkrumah, however, before his release in December and the prospect of a return to civilian rule, realised three years later, the wind entered his political sails again.

civilian rule. Splitting with Dr Busia, whose style had never really agreed with him, Applied formed his own political party, the Justice party. But the party did not do well in the 1969 general election, and he turned to becoming an epposition critic of Dr Busia, just as he previously had been By the time Ghana's mili-

prepare the return of Glama to

tary were back in the saddle again in 1972, Appiah accepted a job from them as roving ambassador. Tired, perhaps, of the hurly-burly of opposition politics, he stayed in that job until 1977 as an apologist for a regime that was becoming increasingly

Appeals was president of the Ghana Bar Association at a time when the professionals were increasingly restive. But by the time the West African country was experiencing real political turbulence at the end of the 1970s he had more or less retired from active politics for health reasons.

Bom in Knmasi, Joseph Emmanuel Appiah will be remembered as a courageous, old-fashioned liberal, outspoken in his opinions, and for being consenial company. He used the name Joe in politics and as the author of several books, which include his memoirs, entitled Auto-biography of an African Pu-triot, to be published later this

He is survived by his wife. one son, who is a professor of university, and by three

PROF NORMAN HANSON

Emeritus Professor of Architecture in the University of Manchester, died in London on July 12 aged 81. He was born in Johannesburg, South Africa, on June 19, 1909.

NORMAN Hanson, Professor of Architecture in the University of Manchester from 1963 until 1971, came to England with an outstanding record of achievement in his native South Africa. He had made his mark in the 1930s as one of the three pioneers of the modern movement in architecture in the Transvaal, the other two being Rex Martienusen and Gordon McIntosh.

His early work, vigorous and sometimes flamboyant, showed influences of Le Corbusier and, particularly, Mies van der Rohe but also a firm underpinning gained by a thorough study of the works of Sir Herbert Baker and Sir Edwin Lutyens and the sound constructional techniques embodied therein.

After the second world war, the character of Hanson's work changed dramatically, reflecting a radical reconsider-ation of the principles on which an appropriate contentworks showed full respect for a building's local environment, classically rigorous planning. sound construction (especially in the choice and use of external finishes), and a remarkable sensitivity and assurance in detailing, particularly in the modellin of facades seen in bright

sunlight. The geology building and the medical school; both for the University of the Wit-waters and, show that Han-son's approach was well ahead of most of his contemporar-ies. His work of that period would be regarded as fresh and

vizorous even if built today.... But, fine architect though he undoubtedly was Hanson's greatest achievements were in professional and public service. For many years he was a leading member of the council of the South African Institute of Architects, becoming its president and the recipient of its gold medal (1959). He played a crucial part in the development of architectural education throughout the country as well as in the establishment of the National

Institute of Building Research, He was elected a member of the Housing Commission by the Smuts Government and continued until he left to take up his post in Manchester.
During these long years of struggle against a generally hostile majority, he was in-

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WESTMONSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quality), 52 St Martine La WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.

Norman Leonard Hanson, strumental in devising and standards of housing for the underprivileged, standards which many other underdeveloped countries were happy to adopt.

Hanson's eight years as the director of the School of Architecture in Manchester were, for him, a somewhat disappointing experience. His predecessor, R. A. Cordingley, had occupied the chair for nearly 30 very distinguished years, and this meant that Hanson found a school rather set in its ways and resistant to change. Furthermore, on the wider British architectural scene of the 1960s, now so thoroughly reviled, he found himself out of sympathy with most of what was being built.

Nevertheless, he introduced several innovations into the several innovations into the degree courses and many other initiatives in specialised aspects of the subject, both in teaching and research. The real significance of his many organisational countbutions is now, with ininesight, recognised and approximed by many of his erstwhile collectures.

What was less fortunate, however, was that he felt he porary architecture should be was not saucceeding in based. Henceforth, his best transmitting his reliberation transmitting his philosophy of or approach to architectural design to his colleagues and students. But, in 1965, he was invited by the University to from an architectural partnership with three col-leagues to delign the new architecture and planning building

Just 20 years ago the building was first occupied. Han-son's last architectural commission has succeeded in providing a stimulating, adaptable, necessarily tough environment not only for staff and students of the resident departments, but also for the who regularly use its central facilities for special fectures, conferences and celebratory occasions. In its capacity to endure and weather hand-somely, and to gain respect and even affection over the years, it epitomises what Hanson strove for throughout his ione carper.

Norman Hanson retired with his wife to London, there to include in his wide interests in literature, the theatre, music and the fine arts. His latter years wete plagued by increasingly. debilitating illusers none of which fortunately affected his fively mind to any noticeable extent until the very end of his life.

He is sarvived by his second wife, Joyce, and by two child-ren of his first marriage.

PROF JOHN KIRKALDY

Mr D.A. Long and Me V.S.E. Been The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and between David, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Long, of Wivenhoe, Essex, and Vanessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Bone, of ment of Geology at Queen Mary College, University of London, for 27 years until his retirement in 1974, died at the age of 82 on July 1. He was

Surgeon Lieute Loxdale, RN born on May 14, 1908. JOHN Kirkaldy's own re-search was concentrated es-pecially on the Country of th and Surgeon Lieu Hammond, RN The engagement is announced between Patrick, second son of Dr and Mrs H.A.R. Loxdale, of Carmarthen, Dyfed, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.C. rocks of southern England, on which he published nine in-Hammond, of Market Deeping. Cambridgeshire. fluential papers. He was a member of the Weald research committee of the Geologists' Association. Of his six books, the Outline of Historical Geol-

Dr C.W. McIntyre and Dr A.E. Holm

The engagement is announced between Christopher William, son of Mr and Mrs William McIntyre, of Staplehurst, Kent, and Anus Eugénie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G.E.V. Holmes, of Broadwoodwidger,

Mr N.E.E. Malcohn

The engagement is announced between Neil, youngerson of the late Dr Dennis Deuchar and of and Miss C.L. Bennett Mrs David Barraclough, of London, and Jacqueline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Boden, of Walsall. The en ent is announced between Neil Ewen Ellice, son of the late Major Bryan Malcolm and of Mrs Bridget Malcolm, of London, NW11, and Christina Leighton, daughter of the late Mr Richard Bridges and of Mrs Ann Bennett, of Portland, Oregon, USA. The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs P.J. Hoare, of Lucy's Mill,

Mr D.A. Robinson and Miss D.C. Malim

Stratford-upon-Avon, and Susan, elder daughter of Mr and The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs John Robinson, of Ashurst, Mrs M.S. Jones, of Overthorpe, Kent, and Delia, youngest daughter of the late Mr Michael The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs David Howard, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Christine, daughter of Mr Palle Iversen Malim and of Mrs Pamela Malim, of Stock, Essex.

Mr N.J. Walters and Miss K.L. Crawley-Boevey The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Dr and Mrs P.J.R. Waiters, of Clifden, Co Galway, Eire, and Katherine, daughter of Major and Mrs A. Crawley-Boevey, of Piddletrenthide, Dorset.

Oxfordshire, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr Frederick Clarke, of Petersham, Surrey, and Mrs Victoria Clarke, of and Mile C. Delon The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs M.A. Zervos, of The Hockering, Woking, Surrey, and Christine, daughter of M and Mme M. Delon, of Saint The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Quentin, France.

Mrs J.A. King, of Lowestoft, Suffolk, and Jacqueline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.B. The marriage arranged between Mr Thomas Colborne-Malpas and Miss Alexandra Heseltine will not take place.

Captain Ughtred Henry Ramsden James, of Nailsea, Avon, captain of the escort carrier, Speaker, the first British

warship to take released pris-oners-of-war out of Tokyo Bay on September 3, 1945, left estate valued at £59,328 net.

Sir Prederick Hayday, or Cheam, Surrey, national industrial officer of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, 1946-71, and a member of the general council of the Trades Union Congress, 1950-72. Left extate valued at

1950-72, left estate valued at £265,565 net.

Josephine Phebe Mole, of Branksome Park, Dorset, left estate valued at £2,542,375 net.

She left her estate mostly to

Mr Colin Forster Eccleshare, of London NW3, director of group projects at Cambridge Univer-

sity Press and former president of the Publishers' Association.

left estate valued at £318,331

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Mrs Lavinia Jarvis, of Stoke Mandeville, Bucking-hamshire......£517,948.

Anne Livingston, of London

WI......£647,683. Mr Ben Moules, of Leek

Wootton, Warwickshire...

relatives.

DCL.

Sir Frederick Hayday,

Latest wills

Birthdays

TODAY: The Earl of Arran, 52: Mr Immer Bergman, film pro-ducer, 72; Miss Vera Di Palma. taxation accountant, 59; Mr Paul Edderey, jockey, 27; Air Chief Marshal Sir David Evans, 66; Sir Nigel Fisher, former MP, 77; Mr Gerald Ford, former American President, 77; Mr American President, 77; Mr D.W. Hardy, chairman, Globe Investment Trust, 60; Mr Ilityd Harrington, former leader, GLC, 59; Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick Hine, 58; Lord Hunter of Newington, 75; the Earl of Iddesleigh, 58; Miss Ste Lawley, broadcaster, 44; Major-General C.A.R. Nevill, 83; Mr Bruce Oldfield, fashion designer, 40;

ogy (with A. K. Wells) is a classic text, while Fossils in Colour and Minerals and

Lord Rees-Mogg, chairman, Broadcasting Standards Coun-cil, 62; Mr lease Beshevis Singer, writer, 86; Baroness Stedman, 74; Mr Robert Ste-phens, actor, 59; Sir Richard Trehane, former chairman, Milk Marketing Board, 77; Professor Sir Geoffrey Wilkinson, chemist, 69; Mr Kenneth Wilkinson, aviation consultant, 73.

TOMORROW: Mr John Bald-ing, racehorse trainer, 45; Professor Sir James Ball, econo-mist, 57; Sir Jeffrey Benson, chairman, The 600 Group, 68; Sir Herican Bistorical chairman, The 600 Group, 66; Sir Harrison Birtwistle, com-poser, 56; Mr Julian Bream, guitarist and lutenist, 57; Dr Jocelyn Burnell, astronomer, 47; Sir Douglas Busk, diplomat, 84; Lord Burton of Alsa, 72; Miss Carmen Callil, publisher, 52; Mr Robert Conquest, writer, 73;

Robert Conquest, writer, 73;
Colonel J.L. Corbett-Winder, former Lord Lieutenant of Powys, 79; Professor Sir David Cox, warden, Nuffield College, Oxford, 66; Sir Alexander Durie, a former vice-president, AA, 75; Lord Edmund-Davies, 84; Mr M.A. Elliott, former general administrator, National Theatre, 54; Air Marshal the Rev Sir Paterson Fraser, 83; Sir Simon Gourlay, president, National Farmers' Union, 56; Sir John Graham, diplomat, 64; Mr Ronald Hadfield, chief constable, West Midlands, 51; Mr R. Hammond Innes, author, 77; Miss Ann Jellione, payawright

R. Hammond Innes, author, 77:
Miss Ann Jellicoe, playwright
and theatre director, 63; Mr
C.H. Kelly, chief constable,
Staffordshire, 60; Dame Iris
Murdoch, novelist, 71; Mrs
Juliet Pannett, portrait painter,
79; Mrs Marion Roe, MP, 54;
Miss Linda Ronstadt, singer, 44;
Lord Shackleton, 79; Mr Ron
Smith, trades unionist, 75; Air
Chief Marshal Sir Ruthwen
Wade, 70.

Plaisterers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Ptaisterers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr J.R. Dalrymple; Upper Warden, Mr H.J.W. Warreli; Renter Warden, Mr G.C. Grover. Mr P.A. Girle has been appointed Deputy Master.

academic and supporting staff of 17 and more than 80 students when he retired. Kirkaldy was active in both the Geologists' Association and the Geological Society, especially the former, and was its president from 1962 to 1964. He received the

pecially on the Cretaceous dent of the geology section of Foulerton Award, the Geolo-rocks of southern England, on the British Association in gists' Association's premier 1969 Kirkaldy gave his adaward, in 1947. dress on "Geology in Schools and Universities". He was much consulted by the Nature Conservancy and by local

authorities as an expert on the rocks of southern England. Kirkaldy presided over the continuous growth of the geol-Rocks in Colour have been ogy department at Queen ship of his old College, King's. him by only a few weeks. He is best-sellers, translated into Mary College from a "one-Kirkaldy had been educated at survived by four daughters.

Professor John Francis five European languages and man show" with nine students Felsted School and at King's Kirkaldy, head of the Depart- sold in most countries of the on his appointment to an College, where he was a lead-

At Queen Mary College he was for two periods dean of science and was also a gov-ernor of the college. On retire-ment he was awarded the title of Emeritus Professor, the Fellowship of Queen Mary College and also the Fellow-

ing participant in the 'Geoids' a group which regularly per-formed the Gilbert and Sulfivan operettas. He held academic posts at both University College and King's College before moving to Queen Mary. He served on the university senate. During the second world

War he was in the meteorological branch of the RAF finishing with the rank of squadron leader. He retained from that period an abiding interest in meteorology.

His wife, Muriel with whom he had shared an exceptionally happy married life for 55 years, predeceased

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DEATHS: Richard Bentley, DEATHS: Richard Bentley, scholar and controversialist, Cambridge, 1742; Madaeme da Stači, writer, Paris, 1817; Sir William Henry Perkin, chemist, Hartow, 1907; Adrian Wettach ("Grock"), clown, Imperis, italy, 1959; Jacinto Benavente, dramatist and poet, Madrid, 1954; Adlai Stevenson, American statesman, London, 1967. can statesman, London, 1967.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Inigo Jones, architect, London, 1573; Rembrandt, Leiden, The Netherlands, 1606; Henry Edward Manning, cardineary Edward Manning, cardi-nal archbishop of Westminster 1865-92. Totteridge, Hertford-shire, 1808; Alfred Harmsworth, 1st Viscount Northcliffe, proprieter of The Times, 1908-22, Dublin, 1865.

DEATHS: James Scott, Duke of DEATHS: James Scott, Duke of Monmouth, illegitimate son of Charles II, executed, London, 1685; John Wilson, botsanist, Kendal, Cumbria, 1751; Jean Antoine Houdon, sculptor, Paris, 1828; Winthrop Praed, poet and politician, London, 1839; Carl Czerny, pianist and thusic teacher, Vienna, 1857; Anton Chekhov, Badenweiler, Germany, 1904; Hugo von Hofmannsthal, poet and dramatist, Vienna, 1929; John Joseph Pershing, c-in-c of American Pershing, c-in-c of American troops in France in World War I, Washington, 1948; Paul Gallico, novelist, Canada, 1976.

Jerusalem was taken by the Crusaders, 1099. The Royal Society received its charter, 1662. Napoleon Bonaparte surrendered to the captain of HMS Bellerophon, 1815. Chartist riots in Birmingham, 1839. The National Insurance Act came into force in Britain, 1912. Today is Saint Swithin's Day.

Luncheon Luriners' Company

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Mr Richard Walker-Arnott,
Master of the Loriners' Company, presided at a luncheon
held yesterday at Saddlers' Hall.
Mr Bill Willson-Pemberdon:
Upper Warden, and Mr David
C.M. Prichard also spoke.
Among others present suggest Among others present were: Sir Ratch Perring, Sir John B Hall, Sir Denys Roberts, QC, the Manter of the Suddiery Computer and the Prime Warden of the Bianchemistra Computer.

Church services

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at the Royal Society of Arts.

The other speakers included Field Marshal Lord Bramall, Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, VC, OM, Air Marshal Sir John Curtiss, Mr Michael Elmquist, Rear-Admiral Michael Harris, Mr Frank Marczinek, Dr R. Peters Mrs Julia Taft, Dr Robert Wolthuis, Sir George Sinclair. Major-General Anthony Boam, Major-General J.

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr A. G. Rucker to be Assistan

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Fontend Group The Archbishop of Canterbury presided at a Fontmell Group conference on "Nato and Disaster Relief" held yesterday at the Royal Society of Arts.

Conference

thony Boam, Major-General J. Skjoeth and Mr Hugh Hanning.

Under Secretary (Security and Common Services), Ministry of Defence.

Weekend royal engagements Sromness Sports Arena at 2.15; and visit Kirkwall Town Half et.

TODAY: Prince Edward, as Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, will visit the Talk Electric Centre, Ipswich, at 10.30; Easusate Shopping Precinct, Carr Street, at 11.40; Brafe Engineering, Woodbridge, at 12.20; and the British Telecom Research Laboratories, Martlesham Heath, at 12.55. He will attend the annual Sete and funday at Willis Faber Sports and Social Club, Rushmere, at 2.45; visit the "Celebration of Youth" event in Chantry Park, Ipswich, event in Chantry Park, Ipswich, at 3.30; and attend a performance of *HMS Pinafore* at the Theatre Royal, Norwich, at

The Princess Royal will open the RNLI station base at Kirk-wall Harbour at 11.00; as Presideat of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Scapa Knitwear (Orkney), Kirkwall, at 12.05; and, as CATICA Exterpoint, 7 ES & HC. Nev J. CTOSING.

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TOMORROW: Prince Edward, as Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, will visit the Norwich Union Sports and Society Centre, Pinebanks, at 11.55 to view the Duke of Edinburgh's Award displays; and will visit Rollerbury, Bury St Edmands, at 2.45.

Princes: Alice Duchess of Princess Alice Duchess of

Gloucester, as Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Corps of Trans-port, will attend a service at the Church of St Michael and St. George, Aldershot, at 10.40 and take the salute at the march past

at Buller Berracits. The Duchese of Kent, as Hosonary Colonel of The Yorkshire Volunteers, will visit the 2nd Battalion in York at 11.30.

Service dinner

Tri-Service Staff College
Sir Michael Quinlan, Permanent Under-Secretary of State at
the Ministry of Defence, was the
principal guest at the annual
Tri-Service Staff College dinner
hald less michaels and Div held last night at the RN College, Greenwich. The guests were received by the Commandants of the three colleges, Commodore D.M. Jeffreys, RN, Major-General the Hon W.E.
Rous and Air Vice-Marshal
A.F.C. Hunter. Commodore
Jeffreys presided. Among others
present were:

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Inner Temple

Mr F. Petre Crowder, QC, has been elected Treasurer of the Inner Temple for 1991.

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ARMSTRONG - On June 24th, at Jubilee Malesnity Hospital Belfast, to Ann and Tom. a son, Thomas Bernard John. a brother for Beth and Richard. CAMPBELL-LAMERTON - On July 12th, at The Portland Hospital, to Many Louise (née Thorneycroft) and Jersmy, a daughter. Olivia Rose, nister to Harry and Alice. COCKROFT - On July 12th, to Nicota (née Irish) and Siephen, a son. David Timothy Hanley. The blessing of a first child and a first grandchild. COTTON - On July 12th, in Taunton, to Carol and Richard, a son, Alexander William Robert, a brother for Tamein and Innathan.

CRAMPIN - On July 11th. to, Yvonne (nee Schoemann) and Peter, a son, Joseph Charles. DAVIDSON - On July 10th 1990. to Phillipa (nee Scorey) and Colin, a son. Edward, William John: a brother for Harriet. FIRTH - On July 12th, at St George's Hospital, to Karen toee Hardyl and Jonathan, a son. Daniel.

MOORE - On July 12th 1990. at Hays Nursing Home. Sedgehill. Wits... Dr. Margaret Joan Moore. of Gillingham. Dorset. widow of Dr. S.W. Hardwick, sadly missed by her family and friends. Service at Saisbury Crematorium on Friday July 20th at 2.15 pm. All enquiries to Bracher Brothers F/D. Gillingham. Dorset. tel: (0747) 822494.

MURRAY - On July 13th 1990. Deacefully at home in Hightown. Merseyside. Muriel. Beloved wife of the late Charles Gifbert, dear mother of Richard, Bruce. Christopher and John. Service at Thornton Crematorium. Crosby. Liverpool. on Tuesday July 17th at 10 am. Enquires H, Leslie Humphreys. (051) 924-4805.

PASMAMENTA - On July 12th. Daphne Isabel (nice Kay) peacefully in Worcester Ronicswood Hoppilal after a long and courageous struggle. aged 72. Much loved and deeply mourned by husband. (amily and friends. Funeral Service on Thursday July 19th at 2.45 pm at 81 Mary's Church. Elmiey Castle. followed by pivase cremation. Family flowers only please. donations if desired in Brook Hoppital for Animals c/p. GATLIFF - On July 8th 1990, to Sarah mée Lindsay-Hoggi and Simon, a son, George Auben, a brother for Rosie. HONE - On July 12th to Laura and Nat, a daughter, Meriele Evitori LEDSON - On July 12th 1990. to Sylvia trice Broadfoot and Robert. a son. Benjamin Robert. The hospital staff were magnificent and have pur grateful thanks. LUCKETT - On Tuesday July 10th 1990 at High Wycombe to Julie and Brian, a daugner, Soplue Ellen, 26in 1990, to Kerree and Alan. a precious daughter Jessica. a sister for Jake. PETRIBES - On July 5th, to Arm and Chrys, g son, Alexander Chrysanthos. A brother for Jonathan and Gemma. flowers only pleas donations if desired in Brod Hospital for Animals chose British Columbia House, Regent Street, London SW

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Charles Christopher, belowed
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James, and grandfather.
Funeral at Trimby Netheodel. SEYMOUR - On July 9th 1990, lo Eleanor (née Reid) and Graham, a son, Robert Graham, SIMPSON - On Friday July 6th. to Tracey (née Woodley) Charch, Hailan, Ruscerp, on Thursday July 19th at 2 pm, followed by private createdon. Family flowers only, but donations in his SMART - On July 12th, to Charlotte (née Dixon) and Tim. a son. Thomas Frederick Featherstone. Special trunks to the mart of The Basingstoke Maternity Unit. memory may be sent to The National Trust. 36 Queen Anne's Gate. London SW1 for "a project in Cheshire". All eaguirles to J.C. Clarke & Son. bit (00232) 2069. SMITH - On July 12th. at Pembury Hospital. to Geraldine (née Taylor) and Rovert, a son, Stuart Doubles SANTY - On July 6th. Béla. Deniel Surgeon of Kingsway, Holborn and Hampstead. Funeral has hallen place. John, a brother for Geoffrey. WAINTH TOM-STT - On June 29th. to Susan and Stephen. a son. Adam John Israel. a sustance brother for Smon. Hampstean. Filmers has bales place.
WATSON - On July 12th 1990.
perceruity at home after a short libres faced with open courses. Joen Elizabeth, of Blesson, Derbyshire. Beloved widow of John, much lowed mother of Front and Maryaret, devoted granny of Caroline and Nicholas. Funeral Bervice of Si Marry's Church Illoration, an Westerday July 18th of 2.15 pm. followed by cremation at Brannoote. Cremationium. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Capter Research c/o G.T. Edwards Funeral Directors. 125 Nottingham Road. Blesson. Derbyshire DET 59tW.
WESTE - On July 12th 1990. Dom Damien Webb. Monk of Ampletorth. aged 72. Funeral at Ampletorth Abbay. 12 noon. Thursday July 19th. welcome brother for Signal Joshua.

WELLS - On July 12th, to Mangarot loss Koleher) and Simon, a daughter, Katherine Brittany. DEATHS CARRITHERS - On July 12th, Hugh Warde, aged 89. Augusta Con July 12th, Hugh Warde, aged 89, Desiry loved husband for 64 years of Yolande and dear father of John and Patricia. Formerly of Alexandria. Egypl, Fameral Service at Randells Perk Crematorium. Leatherhead, Tuesday July Leatherhead, Tuesday July 17th at 4 pm. No flowers please, but donations to Princess Atice Hospice, Ester. C/o James & Thomas Ltd. F/O, Mill Road. Cobham, Surrey KT11 3AL. DOBSON - On Wednesday
July 11th 1990, peacefully.
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Funeral Service at 11.30 am
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Interment in churchyard for
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BAVIDSON - On July 11th. Noel Evan, peacefully at home amongst his toving family. Service and cremation at his also. The family service and cremation at his also. The family service and cremation at his also. The family service and cremation on Tuesday July 17th at 11 am. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Leoninster Service at St desired to Leoninster Sevenals, on Weinerstay flowers only, donations if desired to Leominster Community Hospital Emilip-Mary's Church, Kippinglo Sevenouss, on Weitnerd July 18th at 2 pm. Famil Rowers only. Donatom Army Benevoless Fund. Community Hospital Equip-ment Fund c/o R. Mann. Undertaker, Leominster. IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE FARMAL the Second of trac.
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CRAVINA - On July 11th GRAVINA - On July 11th 1990. peacefully. Dorothea 1990. peacefully. Dorothea Margaret. aged 85. Formerly of Frittenden and lately of Cranbrook. Kent. Widow of Gilberto. Incident of Chris. Michael and Timothy. Funeral Service, St Andrew's Church. Long Street, Devises at 12 noon Tuesday July 17th. Family Howers daily. MASON - On July 12th at house. Patricia (Ba). wife of the late John Mason and such loved nother of Martin. Nicholas and Anthony and grandmother of Anthonia. Adam. Georgina. Immily and Cront. Private cremation. Transcoping. Service details will be immediated. Transcoping. Service details will be immediated. Transcoping Horse. Sedoshill. Wills. Dr. GLAUS - Rosaite. An Angel sent by Heaven from 12th May 1921 to 16th July 1905, parted in body but everlasting together in spirit. I am yours and you are mine until the Stars Forget to Solar, Heary.

remembered, on our anni-1977. Margarel Mary (née Chapthan): remembered always with loye. LOVERING - Dear Cathy.

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1816 The letter printed below was written in 1816 by Mrs Welland, whose husband was in the service of the Honourable East India Company. Mrs Welland was returning to England with her husband when their vessel unexpectedly called at St Helena. She was clearly determined not to miss the opportunity of seeing and, if possible, of talking with Na-poleon, who had arrived at the island on board the Northumberland the October

This triumphant letter, addressed to a woman friend at Patha, Bengai, lemonstrates ber success and conveys a vivid impression of her experience

St Helena, May 10, 1816 - We anchored here yesterday, my dear Friend, and altho' I had determined not to write you, yet as I think upon reflection it would disappoint you not to get all the Bonapartian anecdote, I will keep this sheet before me to give you every thing as it occurs...

May 15 — Can you believe that I have not only had the gratification of seeing the Ex-Emperor, but of being introduced and of conversing with him? True, I assure you, and as far as I can judge in so short a time as the interview lasted - about quarter of an hour - I can, from his general appearance, without an effort of imagination believe all the bad and all the bravery I have ever heard attached to his Character.

His Countenance is dark and lowering, without one good expression in it - not even when he smiles, which he condescended to do when speaking to me. His eyes are grey, but, from having black lashes, seem dark, his forehead, too, projects - the lower jaw is very heavy, he is sallow, and has not the most trifling degree of color in his cheeks, so that you can fancy him not to be by any

means handsome. His figure is short, 5ft 7in, and, from his having become very stout nay corpulent — his legs appear too short and small for the upper part of

his person, his shoulders being broad and, I think, too high to admit of his having either grace or dignity, which notwithstanding many of our party

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thought he had.

Indeed, his manners were so unaffected and (as far as he could make them to a party of English) conciliating, that most of the Men, I feer, have become Buonapartians. Indeed, I tell Welland he is completely hit – but this, he says, is from the Compliment he paid his Wife, which I have given in full to A.... but have only time now to add all the material anecdote remaining to you and my own opinion of his conversation and arrested contain.

tion and general contour.

His accent and expression are by no means elegant—"who is she?"—who is he?" is his mode, but his conversation to each person was most appropriate, pointed, and as full of meaning as it well could be. To Sir William Burroughes he talked of the Law of India, and seemed to put all his questions with a wish to be informed. "Does your English Law extend over your conquests in India or the Law of the Natives?" "Our English Law all over India" (which English Law all over India" (which was taking a proper liberty on Sir W's part, I thought). To Ld. Moira's Aides de Camp, I thought he was a little Quizzing. "Have you been often in action — ever wounded?" Both were obliged to answer in the negative: he then looked in Capt. Dwyer's face and said "Oh, I suppose you are too young to have been wounded." "I am four and twenty." "Oh (this oh is a kind of grunt) it is easy to perceive that is the uniform of a Governor-General of India!" At which remark there was a general laugh and he took a pinch of smuff — and then turned to Capt. Dwyer as if to make amends and made use of the only very polite language I heard him utter in a message to Lady Loudon "That had she come within his prescribed bounds, he would have felt much pleasure in paying his Court to

her." The party consisted of Lady Darrell, Mrs McChintock, Mrs Weatherall, Mrs Arbuthnot and myself - with a number of Gentlemen, and he spoke to each with what is certainly deemed his best manner and after all it is not good. Should I be able to recollect any further circumstances I think may interest you or our other friends, I will write them down during the voyage, but we are weighing anchor, and this must be closed. Give our kindest remembrances to Peach Robinson and all Patna friends, who never can be forgotten by your most truly sincere

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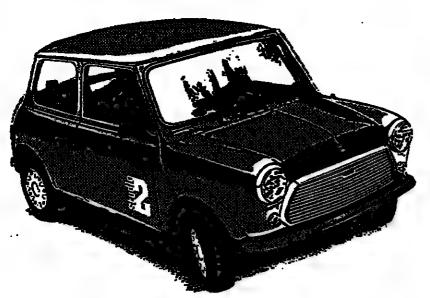
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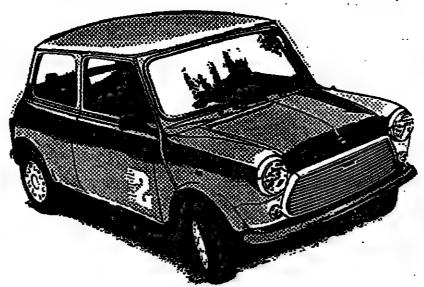
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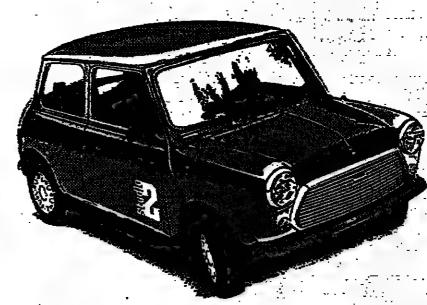
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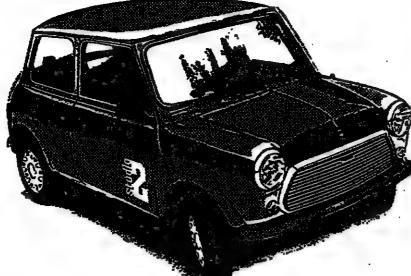






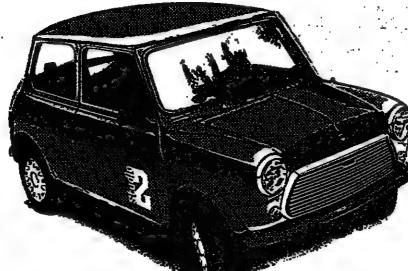
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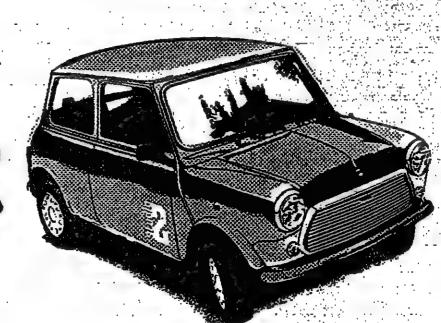












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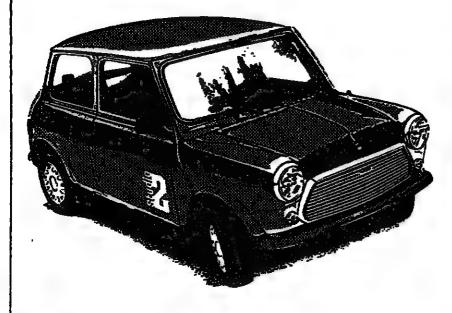
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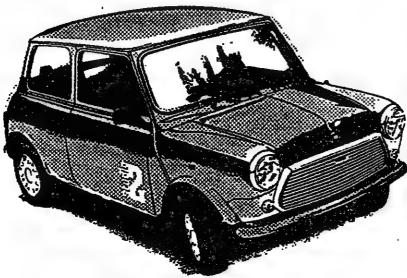
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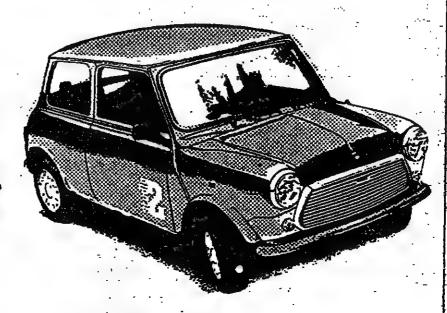
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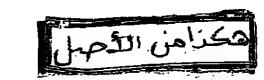
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WEEKEND LIVING



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The stately barns of England, how beautiful do they stand? Yvonne Thomas reports on the conservationists and the converters,

and whether they can be reconciled

Too late to shut the barn door?

f all the countries in Europe, England is the richest in ancient barns. Medieval (the earliest remnants are pre-1066, in Belchamp St Paul, north Essex). timber-framed, flint, brick and earth-walled, they represent some of the oldest vernacular architec-ture in Britain, and the most

There is nothing that makes a countryside conservationist fume more than the sight of a fine 16th century barn, erected when timber-frame carpentry was at its peak, converted to a glossy-magazine dwelling with herbaceous borders, carriage lamps and skylights cut into the roof.

This summer, a High Court judge gave some cheer to conservation groups by blocking, on a point of law, a developer's attempt to turn an old Devon barn into a luxury house. His verdict came shortly after English Hen-itage had sent a letter to local planning authorities warning them that converting barns to houses could wreck the barns rather than save them for posterity, and saying that planning permission should be refused as a

general rule. One reason why conservationists are being particularly vocal about barns is because government planning policy guidance for the countryside and rural economy is open to public consultation until November, which means this is a chance to persuade the envir-

Burton, the chief planning officer of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, sees this as the best opportunity it has had for tion of historic farm buildings. He says the rot accelerated about five years ago, when farmers were being encouraged to diversify, and discovered that the best way to make money was to sell an empty

barn to a developer.
"If the guidelines are not changed, the situation will become substantially worse," Mr Burton says. "It will put a threat of conversion over every building in the countryside, whether it is agricultural or not, and listed or not. We say that only redundant barns should be converted, and then they should be made into workshops or something that will benefit the community if possible. There are signs that our concern is

being noted. Only a few years ago a Wiltshire farmer was told by the Ministry of Agriculture that it could not help him restore his 14th century barn, with its queen posts and cruck roof, and that he could let it fall and the ministry would give him a grant for a new concrete and asbestos one. The ministry has since reversed that policy. It will not pay for new buildings but will give 35 per cent towards restoring old ones. Some local authorities give grants, too. But already some counties, such as Essex, Kent and Hampshire, have suffered big

he concept of a jolly "week-

end" has always been alien

to me. Sufficiently de-

the Suffolk preservation officer. Paul Edwards, says that demand for Suffolk barns is as heavy as it

passing braces and scarf joints."

have applied for conversions but lots of the proposals have not been taken up because of the high interest rates and mortgage problems. Some barns at the top end of lems. Some barus at the top end of the market sell for up to £250,000 north of Milton Keynes, and £350,000 south of it. This sounds bad news for the green belt, particularly when Mr Burton adds that 80 per cent of all Devon, Cornwall and Cotswold barns under conversion will become residences and the only reason the residences, and the only reason the same cannot be said for Sussex and Kent is that it has happened

there already. One problem when assessing the health of the The best way to make money was to sell a barn to a developer'

onment department 20 per cent are medito impose stricter controls. Tony eval (13th to 15th century), and 19th century.

per cent have been converted into houses. The rest have various uses as village halls, workshops and offices, or are unused. Judging from those figures it might seem that residential

conversions cannot have done much damage, particularly when most people have seen fields with collapsing barns in them, presum-ably lost forever or sold for the beams. But there is ever the fear of what might happen if developers

difficult to do without losing the character of the barn. "It could finish up just a gentrified house," says Ian Jardin, the barns expert at English Heritage. It explains why one planning officer said he would sooner see a barn fall down than

converted into a dwelling. What his side wants is the volume of the building preserved, and an absence of walls and floors that obscure floor-to-rafter views. It wants a barn to look as much like a barn after conversion as before. That means unobtrusive windows, and certainly none in the roof. It means not having a garden, because barns did not have gardens, and none of the

builders in the home comes third

after divorce (second) and the

death of a loved one (first).

Curiously enough, the fact that the third most stressful phenomenon

may easily precipitate the other

two is something that has so far

escaped the psychologists. I am

Fortunately, one glorious ray of

Antipodean sunshine has arrived

chez Edmonds. Last weekend

Dennis Lillee came to stay for the

month of July. (No fan mail to my house, thank you very much.) Erstwhile demon pace bowler and, according to Michael Parkinson at

least, the Greatest Living Austra-

lian, Dennis has already managed

to charm his way into the hearts of

the entire household. As soon as

he arrived, Baby Edmonds (Alex-

keeping my own case notes.

was in Essex five years ago.

"It is important to assess what
the stock is and how much of it is
threatened, so we are hoping to do a proper survey," he says. "I have just been round one tithe barn, near Sudbury, and found it was 14th century: you can tell by the joints and the carpentry, and the way it was put together. There is a definite absorbance of forces definite chronology of frame joints. This one was aisled with

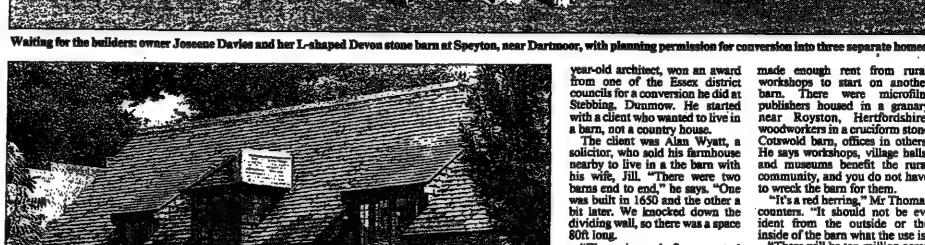
An enormous number of people

stately barns of Eng-land is that there are no reliable statistics. The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (Spab) has discovered that there are about 50,000 barns in England and Wales, of which some

another 20 per cent are 16th century, and 40 per cent are 18th About 70 per cent of them are

The reason why the conserva-tion people hate residential conversion so much is that it is

paraphernalia of suburbia, such as



parked cars and clothes lines. Ideally it means keeping the proportions: the big door where the loaded cart would have gone in, the smaller door opposite where it came out empty; the hard flaying area in the middle from which the chaff blew with the breeze from under the doors. It means having the knowledge and craft to take a timber joint apart and put it back in the style of a 14th, 16th or 18th century carpenter. Often there are no such

considerations. Surprisingly, perhaps, it is not illegal to take down timber-frame barns and pack them off somewhere else, often to America, where a touch of the traditional English rural scene is much appreciated. In theory buildings from the 1600s should all be listed, but until recently so little notice has been taken of barns that many of them are not. In the early 1980s, R. Durtnell and Sons, the oldest building firm in Britain, founded

in 1591, sold a timber-frame barn dated 1680 standing in Kintbury, Berkshire, to an American, who had it shipped to Long Island. John Durtnell, twelfth generation in the business, says that as the company had started when Durinells was putting up the original barns, and the skills were passed on, they knew how to take them down again. "I went to America to put this one up," he says. "It cost about £10,000 to buy, and well under £100,000 to put up. It would be a lot more

now. Haven't done one in years.' This sort of action makes the conservationists shudder. However, Mr Jardin concedes: "If you have a sympathetic architect and a client who is willing to live in a barn-like building, possibly you could convert it reasonably well."

The trouble is that some developers have been known to use an architect to help them with planning permission, then some of the plans are ditched, and there are no

The client was Alan Wyatt, a solicitor, who sold his farmhouse nearby to live in a the barn with his wife, Jill. "There were two barns end to end," he says. "One was built in 1650 and the other a bit later. We knocked down the dividing wall, so there was a space

a barn, not a country house.

year-old architect, won an award from one of the Essex district

councils for a conversion he did at

Stebbing, Dunmow. He started

with a client who wanted to live in

80ft long. "There is underfloor central heating because we did not want to see radiators anywhere. The immediate reaction when you come in is, 'Oh, this is a barn'."

Tindows were set unobtrusively in the ga-bles, and most of the building is without interior walls and open to the rafters. "The herringbone brick which, had been the threshing floor is inoved from one darn to the other to make a dining-room floor, and part of the floor was raised to make space beneath for a Jacuzzi," Mr Wyatt says.

Mr Thomas, who lives in a modern house he built himself in Winchester, Hampshire, says conservationists have gone over the top with their rejection of barn houses. What else, he asks, can you do with a lot of them? Turn them into workshops for making garden gnomes and love-spoons? His words had Philip Venning, the secretary of Spab, shouting "wrong, wrong, wrong", and quot-ing a case where someone has

made enough rent from rural workshops to start on another barn. There were microfilm publishers housed in a granary near Royston, Hertfordshire, woodworkers in a cruciform stone Cotswold barn, offices in others.

He says workshops, village halls, and museums benefit the rural community, and you do not have to wreck the barn for them.

"It's a red herring," Mr Thomas counters. "It should not be evident from the outside or the inside of the barn what the use is.

"There will be sen million across."

"There will be ten million acres of agricultural land coming out of production by the year 2000 and there are going to be lots of redundant agricultural buildings. Barns are just the flagships. Don't forget the the dairies and pretty little granaries and the stables. If you do not give them a new use they are condemned to death.

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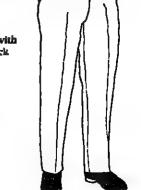
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mented in my youth to marry a professional cricketer, the weekends provided no respite from that seamless continuum of rancid jockstrap and sweaty cricket sock laundry which form the basis of any cricket widow's lot. Now, in the springtime of my middle age, a one-year-old, teething baby ensures that one day and, indeed, one sleepless night, is very much the same as the next. If anything, weekends are the worst time for since a year last February and are now the self-employed mother of what is effectively, in our case, a single-"almost on to the snags". On one scale parent family. of life's stressful phen-Modern nannies, of course, omena, I believe, the strain of

demand their weekends off. Our outgoing nanny, a trained reptile keeper from Sydney zoo with a passion for haute cuisine and a burning desire since "the argument" to poison Phil, my husband, is a splendid girl. But, as she pointed out, at weekends she also 'needed to have her space".

Ever the understanding employer, I was originally quite happy to give her all the space she needed, especially as she arrived with her own pet python, Beryl, in tow. Beryl was a fascinating creature but not, I ventured to suggest, quite what the burghers of Notting Hill Gate would be expecting to see wrapped around the clematis in the communal gardens. And besides, I added, its diet of live mice was getting a bit too much for me. Last weekend we

decided to go our I have resolved to stop tidying up at weekends until the builders have completely finished. They have been with us

andra, aged one), presumably still searching for a father figure, hugged his leg devotedly and gave him her favourite teddy. Within days, the outgoing nanny was teaching him how to cook. Even Pete, the builder, declared that Dennis was obviously "a di-

amond geezer" and would dearly love "to take him round the pub for jar". Odd to relate, I have always found that, of all cricketers, the

genuinely lethal pace bowlers are generally the most sympathetic. While spin bowlers operate on the basis of guile and deception, fast bowlers are a much more simple proposition. What you see is what you get. All their natural male aggression seems to be spent on the cricket pitch, in the physical act of bowling. There is no further need, at the end of play, to establish their macho credentials. After years of observation, I am coming to the conclusion that a daily rate of 40 overs at 90mph should be made compulsory for every male under the age of 70. The world. I am convinced, would

be a far better place for it. Talking

of sport, am I the only person in the land who managed to miss both the World Cup final and men's final at Wimbledon last weekend? Is there some kind of sporting ostrich award to which I am entitled? Holland Park was bliss on Sunday, empty but for the usual quota of plastic mac perverts and foreign students trying desperately to practise their English.

A baby, I have discovered, is a wonderful excuse for meeting complete strangers. Within the space of two hours, Baby Edmonds and I had made friends with three Belgian secretaries here to improve their already impeccable English, a French dentist looking into the possibilities of working in this country, and an Italian computer programmer gaining experience in the City.

port and business unite to-Smorrow in support of the family. A cricket match which pits top businessmen against sporting showbiz personalities is to be held in aid of Birthright, a charity close to the heart of the Princess of Wales. Birthright concerns itself with research into all aspects of motherhood, perinatal problems, post-natal depression, scanning, you name it. I am pleased to say that my husband has agreed to play. It is a happy day indeed when sport and business, two of the most destructive forces in family life, tacitly agree that something ought to be put back.

WEEKEND LIVING: OUT OF TOWN

Farmer's Diary: Paul Heiney Alice joins the labour party

WHEN I woke from a deep sleep with the sound of bells in my ears, I assumed the strain of farmwork was beginning to show. True, we had had a busy couple of weeks. killing weeds amid the turnips and the kale. With chemicals it would have been done in a day, but I prefer a horse-drawn hoe. It is effective and pollutes nothing, being no more than a blade that the horse drags between the rows of plants to chop off the weeds just below the surface.

The snag is that it involves two men (or one man and a deeply reluctant wife) and a lot of walking. If you are the unlucky one who gets to lead the horse, you are effectively standing next to a perspiring 10 Kw radiator, you leave the field sodden with your own sweat and a few gallons of the

horse's. So I assumed, hearing bells in the night, that the hoeing had drained me. Then the chime

rang out again. It was half past two. Wide awake now, I flew to the bedroom window. In the moonlight (could just make out the pregnant shape of Alice, our Large Black pig, making frenzied music with her feeding bowls.

Pig troughs are no lightweight affairs: they are castiron rings which it takes two men to lift. But Alice has

been blessed with a power-packed snout, and it is nothing for her to slide her muzzle under one of these hefty troughs and, with a flick of her head, heave it in the air. When it comes down to earth, spinning, it sounds like the very bells of hell. From the bedroom window I loudly advised Alice to cut out the Quasimodo impersonation, and went back to sleep. Of course, pregnancy does

funny things to women, and pigs. Next morning I found that as well as revising her dining arrangements, she had also done a thorough spring-clean of the sty, moving the clean straw out into the sun and leaving the grubby stuff in a heap near the spot where she dungs. "Daft old pig." I muttered into her floppy black ear, pouring her breakfast into the relocated trough.

A few hours later, we had 11 piglets. First there was nothing. and then in no time at all there were it shiny black squezling creatures that slid from their mother with the greatest of ease. shrugged off their cling-film and staggered in the direction of a

brought a tear to my eye. It all took place nonchalantly, out in the sunshine on the clean straw. There was no fuss, except what I made myself as I ran to tell the children. There's two!" I cried. Then ran back to the sty. Then back to the house. "Three!" I sprinted from farmyard to house bringing news of the births. By the end I was bursting with pride and panting more than Alice.

I rang the owner of the boar to tell him the good news, and he was delighted. I remembered picking her up after she had been six weeks on his farm, and not knowing quite how to phrase the question which would elicit from him whether or not a mating had taken place. "How have things, er, been?" I enquired. He considered.

"I'd say he'd stocked her well, my old boy. Yep. Stocked her well, he has. As soon as she

was home I marked the calendar. Pigs have a convenient gestation period of three months, three weeks and three We know that the hapunion took place on her second night. It's lucky that black pigs can't blush.

Some might consider it bad pig management to have been taken so much by surprise by the birth, but I had been relying

on the advice of an elderly neighbour. He had been positive: She won't be havin' them little 'uns yet. Look. She ain't appled-He pointed to her udder. "Yer know what I mean?" he asked, and cupped his hands. "Appled-up. She ain't appled-up yet." She never was. Hence my failure to interpret her musical, midnight nest-building session.

She did not need me. anyway, that day. There was a brief crisis when one piglet got caught be-neath its mother's bulk as she turned. I was tempted to dive in and help, but as soon as the little one shricked. Alice rolled the other way. It was the only moment when I thought I might have to play midwife, which was just as well as I had been rather dreading it, ever since I'd read a 1920s book which said: "There are few problems in farrowing that cannot be solved by good humour and a plentiful supply of lard."

But we needed neither. Alice did it her way, unaided and with great dignity. She has done us proud. Let the belis ring out.

Life with a



sinessman Augus Grossart says: "Privacy, seclusion and independence make you free from went: the true form of wealth"

King of his own castle

he flag of St Andrew will fly proudly over Pitculio Castle this week when Angus McFarlane McLeod Grossart, dubbed "the eleverest business brain in Scotland", welcomes a small party of guests for the Open Championship at the Royal and Ancient golf course at St Andrews. Proudly, because he has "slaved away" to restore the castle, once a haven in a troubled part of Scotland.

Pitcullo is now a quite different retreat. In the grounds, two children's swings, suspended from tall trees, sway gently in the breeze. A distinctly contemporary Wendy house is dwarfed by the castle's high, thick walls. This is where the Grossart family spends most

Mr Grossart, who founded Scotland's first merchant bank in 1969, normally has a hectic schedule, flying to New York, where he is on the board of Alexander and Alexander, the second-largest insurance broker in the world, and spending two days in London.

"People do wonder about why they are in London, when I can turn up in the City at ten past nine, having flown down from Edinburgh, and leave the meeting at the same time as most people

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Home from home: Angus Grossart

there and be back in Edinburgh in time for dinner," he says.

His office is a two-minute walk from his elegant townhouse in Edinburgh, and 50 minutes by car from the castle, where he has spent many weekends over the past 12 years on its restoration.

He has been intrigued by early Scottish architecture for 15 years, visiting more than 200 castles that were intact, had been restored or were capable of restoration "To restore a castle seemed the ultimate entrepreneurial challenge, and I always had in mind that if I could find somewhere appropriate

I would buy it," he says. He was a keen golfer, so what better than a castle near the Royal and Ancient. He had played a lot of competitive golf before starting the bank. He was a scratch golfer for seven years and a former captain of the Scottish Youths international team. But in the bank's first ten years, there was little chance to play. And he has spent so many weekends on the castle's restoration that his golf has suffered. "The irony is that I was looking for somewhere that would enable me to relax," he

says. He bought the castle the day after he saw it, without a survey, paying a premium to keep it off the market. "I spent a year working out what I wanted to do. A year after starting work, one wing was gutted by fire, and I had

to start again." He married in 1978, just before the fire. His wife, Gay, shared his interest in restoration. She was on the executive council of the National Trust for Scotland for many years, and had been curator at Hopetoun House, near Edinburgh, the seat of the Linlithgows.

art of the fun has been finding and getting to know traditional craftsmen and their skills, Mr Grossart says. "I ended up with four or five craftsmen capable of doing any of the work in the original building. They were great characters and I learnt a lot about the castle features through them."

"We have restored Pitcullo using stone, oak and iron, so the work should last another 400 years ... immensely rewarding in a world, particularly the financial world, where everything has such

"The early years of the restoration were particularly physical. We had to do a lot of probing to find out what features had been covered up, and remove a lot of patching and faulty materials. By opening everything up for inspec-tion, we discovered a number of hidden original features."

Work on the castle's structure is now almost complete, and the fitting out is under way. He has put in 14 painted ceilings. Wooden carvings, collected over a number of years, are being incorporated into panelling for beds. Bedspreads and hangings are drawn from a large archive of old textiles, and iron hinges and locks on the heavy doors come from his collection of metal work. He is adding some finer touches to the exterior, including Latin inscrip-

tions on the dormer lintels. He briefly studied Latin poetry at Glasgow University, "Aequan memento..." are the first words from an ode by Horace, "(always) remember to keep a cool (mind in difficulties). . "Another, "Hodie mihi cras tibi," para-phrased, means "(death comes) to me today, to you tomorrow, (why therefore should we care?)".

Mr Grossart hopes to introduce a formal garden. "Gay is quite knowledgeable about gardening We are gradually restoring the holly hedges, which were typical of the 17th century. We have also been restoring the hill on which the castle stands. It would be interesting to have a professional excavation of the hill.

The earliest written records of the castle date back to the time of Robert the Bruce in the early 1300s, but it is certain that the site was fortified before that," Mr Grossart says. Above all, he is happy to have more time to enjoy the privacy, seclusion and sense of independence which Pitculio affords. "These are the things I value above all else. They make you free from want, and that is the true form of wealth."

The castle's loft has now become a playroom for their sevena very normalising effect on all our activities. A child's needs are fairly ordinary and basic, but you have to give them a lot of priority."

When not at Pitcuilo, Saturdays are often spent visiting art galleries in Edinburgh, Mr Grossart chairs the trustees of the National Galleries of Scotland, which has under its control the National Gallery of Scotland, the Scottish Gallery of Modern Art and the Scottish National Portrait Gallery. He has also built up his own collection of paintings and dec-

orative objects. Next year, he will make a more serious attempt at golf. He has no regular partner. "I turn up and play with whoever I meet. It's nice to be spontaneous, when your business life is so structured."

Breeding

Deer are the new darlings

ALASDAIR Darroch says: "You don't farm deer, you farm with deer. If they are not happy they don't thrive." He has 500 of them on 400 acres near Witney, Oxfordshire, and also in Leicestershire. Most are the familiar red, with a scattering of fallow deer, the spotted, lighter-coloured, Bambi

Happy herds of deer from. Inverness to Devon are making Britain's 500 deer farmers equally. happy. Inevitably, the furore over bovine spongiform encephalitis (BSE) has had its effect on beef sales, and now venison producers are being paid £1 to £1.50 per pound more than the wholesale, prices paid for beef. Venison steaks, which tend to sell for £5-£6 per lb, will start building up again in the shops next month...

Mr Darroch, aged 33, saw this Eden coming while doing a degree in agriculture at Edinburgh University, even though his family is originally from Jura on the west coast of Scotland, where the problems lay in keeping deer out, not fencing them in

"People who might not approve of deer farming usually change their minds when they see animals managed to a high standard." he Says.

Mear sold by the British Deer Producers' Society maintains standards of production which do not permit the use of hormones or growth promoters. Animals are led only on grass and other natural

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Imported deer from the Continent continually improve breed-



Sweet and therry the fallow door

ing stocks. Hinds cost from about £400 up to £600. They are kept for breeding, with stags aged under 27 months supplying the meat. Less fatty than chicken, venison does not possess the characteristic marbling of some other meats. The plied to hospitals caring for cardiac patients.

Deer farming is initially expensive, needing a minimum outlay of £20,000, assuming one already has the land, Mr Darroch says. However, many people with ten to 15 acres of land, but with no farming tradition, have gone intodeer farming in the past ten years, .. making it a profitable adjunct to other careers. Labour costs are low, involving barely more than a few days' work a year.

SANDY BISP ● There will be an open day at Millpark Deer Farm, Arnesby, Lescestershire, on July 24 to study deer enterprise and management systems: Information from Alasdair Darroch, Fishers' Gate Farms, North:

ALASTAIR GUILD

Leigh, Witney, Oxfordshire OX8.

Feather report

The dying days of birdsong

IT IS good to hear birdsong again. After a month in Italy you begin to forget what it sounds like, for Italy is a silent land. In four weeks of traveling all over the country, the only songbird I set ears on was a single chaffinch. From Palermo to Udine, by way, naturally, of Assisi, Italy annually celebrates a silent spring.

Silent, but for the blast of shotguns. L'uomo e cacciatore: man is a hunter. D.H. Lawrence brutally mocked the tradition of Italian hunters in an essay with that title, writing of these intrepid types stalking the woods with their bags full of bloody goldfinches and dying thrushes. The slaughter is part of Italian life.

The main squares of the cities are filthy with pigeons; fed, encouraged and cherished, considered, for some baffling reason, photogenic. Foreign and Italian tourists stand covered by pecking hordes of grey birds while the cameras click away delightedly. Away from the wonders of

pigeonkind, birds are killed by the million. The slaughter is sanctioned by law and custom. The hunters kill not just songbirds, but migrating birds of prey, birds for which Italy has an international responsibility.

This is not merely horrible, it is a crime against international conservation. Predators operate on a smaller population base than prey species, which is obvious enough when you think of it. That makes them particularly vulnerable to direct persecution.

Members of Lipu, the Italian conservation organisation, are routinely attacked by hunters. These intrepid birders do not actually attempt to spoil the



shooting, they merely monitor it. For this, they have been assaulted, and their vehicles have been damaged and burned.

On the Sunday before the World Cup began, Italy held a referendum on hunting. The vote was overwhelmingly against the hunt-ing laws as they stand. Unfortu-nately the referendum is not binding. It required 50 per cent of the electorate, voting one way or the other, to make it binding. It does not take a genius to work out how to foil it. The hunting lobby simply boycotted the referendum.

As a result, 43 per cent of the electorate turned out, which was good, but not good enough. Of these, 90 per cent voted on the side of conservation. It was a victory, yes, but not a decisive one. The next spring will be as silent as the

The hunters continue to enjoy

the most wonderful set of laws thatcould be devised for them. They are immune from laws of trespass: the law permits a hunter to go where he pleases and to gun down anything he fancies. For a man with a gun, the legal rights of property have no meaning, and the moral questions of conservation no existence.

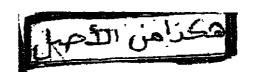
A birder with a pair of binoculars has no such freedom. The law's partiality towards hunters is resented, but the combination of landowners and conservationists was not enough to win the day of the referendum.

CONSERVATIONISTS tend to seek silver linings: there is no point in the opposite attitude. It is clear that there are enough people opposed to the shooting laws to have some kind of political clout, even if this was not to be decisive on the

day of the referendum. But the weapons industry has clout of its own, clout that is measured more in terms of line than outrage. Gun people like lots of guns: there is money to be made from such obsessions. In the US, the strongest pressure for the right to bear arms comes, albeit indirectly, from the arms industry.

The same applies in Italy. The result is an international disgrace, and one that attracts increasing international disgust. L'uomo e cacciatore indeed! How many birds are killed every year so that Italians can prove their virility? Ah, but you're not a real man, are you - not unless you have carried the day in savage. one-to-one conflict with that legend of ferocity, the bloodthirsty, man-cating chaffinch.

SIMON BARNES



& Briefly

Raise a laugh

BATHROOMS should not be

taken too seriously, according to

lan and Lynn Wright, who live in

West Cork and have been making

earthenware with hand-painted

underglaze decoration since 1973.

Recently their work has become

more bathroom-orientated. Much

of it is commissioned and all the

pieces are produced in numbered

editions of 50. Their new "Kilnaclassical" collection in-

cludes a cornice-shaped Cornie soap dish. £81, and Scroll lavatory

paper holder, £104. There are wry misinterpretations of Corinthian

and Ionic columns in a Broken

Column, £507, and Ionic Shelf, £173. The ponderous, thinking man's bidet costs a hefty £1,725.

while a more contemporary-look-

ing crossed legs pedestal plant holder is priced at £345. The Wrights can be contacted at Cors-its-Ceramics, Kilnaclasha, Skib-bereen, Co. Cork (010 353 2821889). One of their main stockists is Max Pike's Bathroom Shop at 4 Eccleston Surger London

Shop at 4 Eccleston Street, London SW1 (071-730 7216), "People are

far too inclined to take design very

seriously and here is a chance to see

it in another light," Mr Pike says, "So long as you retain an element of style, you can get away with anything in the bathroom."

GREEN consumers are beginning

to look askance at their wooden

furniture and a recent survey by trading standards officers showed

that, thanks to new technology,

many pieces are not what they

seem. So being sure of the source of your furniture suddenly seems important. Nosy visitors now ask whether the mahogany cabinet in the corner is really mahogany (in which case you lose green points), or whether it is only mahogany veneer which was sold to you as mahogany (even worse: it shows you were prepared to buy unsustainable tropical hardwoods. but were not clever enough to recognise the real thing). A way round this problem is to buy only from reputable companies which offer assurances that they have used wood from sustainable forests. One such is Treske, established as a green furniture company in 1973, long before green became chic. It uses only good-quality English hardwoods from well-managed estates in the Yorkshire Dales, wind-dries the timber at its own sawmill, and uses lacquers and polishes that are as ozone-friendly as possible. Most of the furniture is made or

Green timber

in the bath

Is the answer blowing in the wind

ecorative working accessories such as weather vanes, sundials and fountains are becoming increasingly sought-after now that gardens, patios and balconies are being furnished with the same verve as

Vanes were popular in Victorian times, but there are few of the original, heavy cast-iron ones around now, and quite a few came down in last winter's storms. Old vanes are difficult to come by, aithough London's Crane Kalman gallery stocks a selection of American and English pieces from the 18th and 19th centuries. Prices reflect scarcity: some examples can fetch several hundred

Modern versions are in metallised zinc or rust-proof steel in traditional designs -

cockerels, foxes and horses, for example or they can be commissioned to suit a particular property. Oliver Gero, director of Brookbrae, the garden hardware firm, says: "Vanes are an eye-catching way to individualise a home and people use their imagination and wit when they commission orders. For example, we have made a vane shaped like a potter for a property called Kiln House, a bull beside water for Bullswater House, and a fish with initials for a Mrs Carp. A yachtsman asked for a copy of his boat. We have

even produced a gold-leafed Alsatian dog. "Our designs are created by the sculptor Edwin Russell, who is a director of our family company. He works from sketches and photographs or visits the client's house. It is important to gear the proportions of a design to the building. Assets

Vanes look particularly good on an end gable or on the lower roofs of stables or outhouses, but you should ask a builder to fit them to ensure they won't stick."

Brookbrae can provide the whole service from concept to fitting. A special order is likely to cost at least £450, although choosing from the company's standard range costs a little less. Arrows. flags, cars, horses, ships, witches, hunts-men, runners and bowlers are among the standard designs available from £414. Elsewhere, flags, for £290, ships, £520,

cockerels, £360 and hunting scenes, £350 (all plus VAT) are among the various styles which can be ordered from Renzland Forge, while Rusticraft's stan-

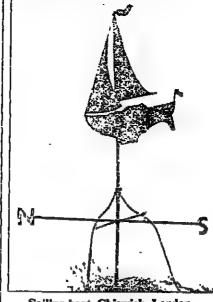
dard range, finished in black paint, includes Father Time, £149.50, and an Alsatian dog, £102.50 (prices include VAT and delivery). Anyone preferring their own design might contact artist-blacksmith Giles Blakeley, who works to commission at his Sussex torge. Recent projects have included bats, hawks, cats, dogs, Viking ships and dragons, each costing £200-£300. His vanes are three-

dimensional rather than flat silhouettes.
Tessanna Hoare also makes to commission and has recently completed orders for a llama, rook, beaver, otter, whale and feather. Made of mild or stainless steel, the vanes are available in black, white or gilded linishes, or they can be hand-painted in bright colours like traditional bargeware. She provides a detailed drawing (£25) for clients to approve before she starts her work. The Conran Shop, in London, stocks cockerels and foxes in black-painted steel at £49,50 each.

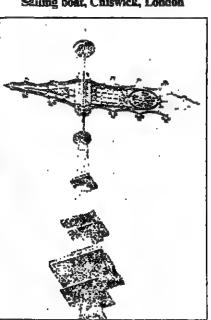
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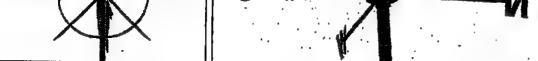
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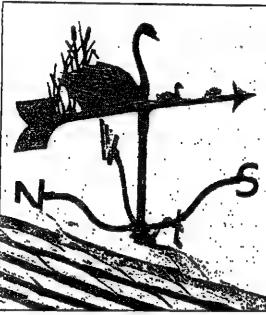
Sailing boat, Chiswick, London



Gate above Holy Trinity, Eridge



Vane glories: Pheasant (left) at Bells Yew Green, East Sussex, and foxhunting at nearby Eridge



WITH a bit of luck - and,

goodness knows, you need it on

Scottish rivers these days - some-

Highland glens.

mounted on hessian.

about 12,000 flies.

profit on each fly."

picked up from Aberdeen Airport.

This year, D&G Flydressers - the

"G" is his wife Gloria - will have

supplied Farlow of Pall Mall with

the mid-1980s to help out his wife,

who had been trained at Sharpes

of Aberdeen and had kept up with

customers when Sharpes closed

(Sharpes rods are still made, but at

Mrs Forbes has now given up

tying and gone to work in an old

people's home while her husband

runs half a dozen outworkers.

"There is not much of a livelihood

in fly-tying," he says. "Not at 4p

One of the reasons he carries on

is the encouragement of his

Aberdeen accountant, A. Gordon

McBain. Apart from looking after

the firm's books, Mr McBain has a

personal interest in ensuring the

continuation of D&G Flydressers

- the Purple McBain, a fly whose

success Peter Mackenzie-Philps

records in his book, Successful

Waiting to buy cast in Mortimers

Redditch, Worcestershire).

Mr Forbes took up tying flies in



Swan and cygnet (left) at Pond House, Wadhurst, and Viking ship at Hadlow Down, East Sussex

Originals: Douglas Forbes, fly-tier

Follow that fly, cabbie

Fleur-de-lis at Wadhurst College for Giris, East Sussex THIS WEEKEND

 World pea shooting championships: Individuals and groups from UK and abroad; village fete, stalls, sideshows, tug of war. Witcham, near Ely, Cambridge-shire. Today from 2pm, free.

Nether Wichendon open weekend: 11 houses and cottage gardens in this pretty mediaeval village are open to the public. Rural crafts, plant and produce stalls, masses of flowers and choral and instrumental concert tomorrow, 7.30pm, in 15th-century church. In aid of the chancel roof.

Nether Wichendon, near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. Concert tickets 0844 290441/292057 (information 0844 290203).

• Gala open air concert: Part of Lucknam Park's contribution to the 800th birthday celebrations of Colerne parish church. Georgian City Orchestra plays Bach, Haydn, Strauss and Handel. Lucknam Park, Colerne, Will-

shire. Tomorrow. Concert begins 7pm. £6-£10, unreserved £2.50 (reservations, 0225 742777). Saxted Festival: Last two con-

certs. Tonight 7.30pm, Amaryllis Consort sings music of 17th century England. Tomorrow 7.30pm, Essex Youth Orchestra plays music by Weber, Strauss, Walton and Elgar.

Saxted Church, Saxted, Essex. Tonight, reserved £8, unreserved £5, child £2.50. Tomorrow, £6, £4. £2 (0371 830350).

Country events

Royal Isle of Wight Agricultural Society show: Livestock, jumping and showing, vintage cars, private driving and arena events including falconry and precision motor cycle displays. Northwood Showground, Newport Road, Northwood, Cowes, Isle of

Wight, Today 9am-6.30pm, £3, child £1.50, car park free. O Quoits world championships: Competitors from all over the country. Also, tomorrow, north country wrestling. Museums open. North of England Open Air Mu-seum, Beamish, Stanley, Co. Dur-ham (0207 231811). Today, tomorrow 10am-6pm. £4.50, child

£3.50, car park frec. O Ashbourne Highland Gathering: Tomorrow, English pipe band championship, Highland and country dancing and strong men. Arenas, stalls, sidesnows and other entertainment. Tattoo this

evening. Ashbourne Recreation Ground, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, Today Ipm-5.30pm (tanto 7.30pm), tomorrow Ham-evening, Today, adult £1.50, child £1. Tomorrow adult £2.50, child £1.25. Tattoo £3.50-£5.50.

O Stratford-apon-Avon Festival: Three-week mainly music festival begins today. Town carnival today from Ipm, then a ceilidh. Firework display from 10.30cm. Stratford-upon-Avon, if arwick-shire, until August 5 (0789 67969).

NEXT WEEK

© King's Lynn Festival of Music and the Arts: The ten-day festival commemorates Sir John Barbirolli. This year's theme is Italian.

King's Lynn Centre for the Arts. King Street, King's Lynn, Norfolk. July 18-28 (0553 774725).

O Music for the Royal Fireworks: Open-air lakeside concert with the Handel Festival Orchestra, English Brass Ensemble and fireworks. Wine bar, creperie and

other refreshments. Radley College, Radley, Abingdon, Oxfordshire. Wed-Sun, gates open 6.30pm, £15, child £5. Wed, Thurs, child free with every two adult tickets. Booking only: 0865

(081-874 0050). Slate is cool CORNISH slate makes a refresh-

ing alternative to plastic, wood and iron or steel garden furniture. It looks and keeps cool, with-stands all weathers and offers innovative design possibilities. Pieces can be made to measure by Delabole Slate, Pengelly House, Delabole, Cornwall PL33 9AZ (0840 212242). Tables cost from about £200, seats £50.

ash, but can be made to order in

oak, elm or beech. Prices range from about £50 for a kitchen chair

to £900 for a dining table that will seat 12. There are Treske shops at

Station Works, Thirsk, North

Yorkshire and 5 Barmouth Road,

Wandsworth, London SW18 2DT

VICTORIA MCKEE

one, somewhere, is catching a fish on a fly tied by Douglas Forbes. Ideally, the Scottish fly-tier is a hirsute gillie stripped to his plusfour braces knocking out a dozen flies by the glow of a dram in his Highland but and ben (two rooms with a concrete block-house bathroom at the back), Inconveniently for the image, Mr Forbes has never lifted a fishing rod in his life, lives in an Aberdeen council house and is not even that keen on His workshop is the driver's seat of a blue Ford Granada taxi, where he works on a home-made board hooked to the steering wheel as he waits for fares on the Hadden Street rank opposite Jimmy Wilson's bar. It is hardly a massproduction operation, although, as he says, it pays marginally better than doing the horses—just. On a good tying day, which is, conversely, a rotten cab-driving day, he might produce two dozen flies. On the other hand, his daily contribution is just a small part of his company's annual output of 30,000 hand-tied salmon and sea trout flies, plus framed selections Twenty per cent of output goes abroad, mainly to Scandinavia, but most to personal customers, often fishermen fares he has

Tied up: fishy pursuits are paying off for Douglas Forbes

of Grantown-on-Spey one day, he spotted an unusual purple fly and bought two. They turned out to be surprisingly successful. He lost one and sent the other back to Mortimers with an order for more. What came back bore no resemblance to the original," he remembers, so he went to Mrs Forbes and between them they cooked up the Purple McBain, which has developed to the extent that it owes little, apart from colouring, to the Grantown fly. High water, low water, Tweed or Deveron, since 1984 Mr McBain has fished almost exclusively with that fly. "I can see no point in fishing with anything else," he says. His salmon tally, let alone sea trout, on the fly is 81.

Quite why the McBain should be so successful, skill apart, is something of a mystery. Purple is an unusual colour in salmon flies. but Mr McBain has a theory: one of the deadliest baits used by rodand-line poachers, or the plain

greedy -- "fishmongers", he snorts is said to be a fresh prawn dyed purple, though what instincts a purple prawn stirs in a 30-pounder, dozing behind a Helmsdale boulder, have yet to be revealed.

Not that the Purple McBain is a thinly disguised prawn. Mr McBain has had it made up by D&G in every other pattern yet devised, from 1/2 in tubes to 3 in trebles. He attributes much of the fly's success to the Forbeses' patience and skill in interpreting

his various ideas over the years. What may slightly disturb other fishermen is the suggestion that the changing of flies from, say, a Hairy Mary to a Munro Killer, makes not one whit of difference. Provided the right-sized fly is on the cast, there appears to be no reason to fish with anything other than the Purple McBain.

ALASTAIR ROBERTSON ● Mail order list from D&G Flydressers, 3 Wood Street Lane, Aberdeen AB1 3QF (0224 872 170).

Walk: Winslow, Buckinghamshire Mersley 💥 Parsitivi St telechael's church

ALTHOUGH this eight-mile walk from Winslow to Stewkley concentrates on the pastoral element. it requires two cars for those who do not wish to retrace their steps. Start in Sheep Street, Winslow, walking east and passing Winslow Hall, a 1700 mansion where Christopher Wren at least checked the building accounts. Continue past thatched cottages and as far as Shipton, where the A413 turns south. Briefly follow the B4032.

Beyond the barns, turn right on to the footpath which heads east through the pastures, across a stream, to regain the B4032, which you follow into Swanbourne. At the junction, follow the road south to the church, then left to pass Deverell's farmhouse, dated 1632, then right down a path to Nearton End, turning left to pass timberframed houses and left again to regain the B4032. Turn left, then right down a lane and quickly right

on to the football field, through a

copse, and head north-east past

Church Hill farm trout fishing lakes. Beyond the farm, turn right on to a track that leads into Mursley. Reaching the junction, turn right then left into Cooks Lane. Where the lane ends, bear right to follow the path into Drayton Parslow, with its grand former rectory of 1754 in dark. glazed brick. Opposite the church, cross into

the back lane, which curves east. At the junction, turn right to acad uphill south-east out of the village. Just before the end of one lane. turn right to head south alone the hedge, left into the valley and then up towards Grange farm at the north end of Stewkley.

At Bletchley Road, turn right. and at the junction turn left into the High Street of Stewkley, which has a number of 17th century houses and the Norman church of St Michael, built in about 1150 and richly decorated with thevron-moulded arches.

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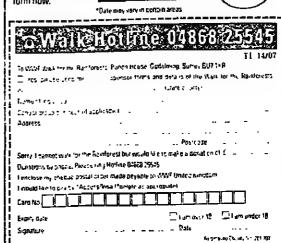
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Modern Salmon Flies (Blandford Press, £12.95). The purple, Mr McBain remarks, reflects the fly's colouring, not his own. Like most fishermen, Mr McBain once tended to carry rather more flies than he was ever likely to cast upon the waters. (Gillies delight in saying that flies catch more fishermen than fish.)

Would you swap London for this?

What advantages are there for joining the growing band of people moving away

from the buzz and facilities of

the capital?

Sally Brompton

found out

ugh Corran still misses the international, of London life after nearly four years of living in Harrogate, "If you are an international businessman and have lived somewhere else. Harrogate is a provincial backwater," he says, "While the quality of life, in English terms, is high, in European terms it's pretty ordinary."

Despite his mixed feelings about the north Yorkshire spa town which is now his home, Mr Corran, aged 51, a senior marketing executive with ICI Fibres, is unwittingly spearheading a trade revolution, according to the Henley Centre, the forecaster of business trends.

Harrogate is one of 30 regional centres - from Salisbury to Inverness - which the centre predicts will prosper in Britain in the 1990s as a result of the slump in London's importance as a national and international centre.

As his firm's headquarters is in Harrogate, having transfered there from its Knightsbridge office, the move north did not come as a surprise to Mr Corran and his German wife, Signd. However, it hasmeant a conscious cultural adjustment.

"I've not really met an international person up here," Mr Corran says. "The people are much less travelled and you suddenly find that your interests are different. But they may actually be nicer people here they have more time for you. It's just that their vision is much more circumscribed."

Mr Corran considers Harrogate to be cheaper than London, although he finds the choice of goods limited and the standards lower. "London has good facilities; the shopping, entertainment, food culture - we used Harrods a lot. The temptation to

spend money is less here.
"In Harrogate the Italian restaurants still serve pizza and indifferent spaghetti bolognaise, and you get sachets of saiad cream instead of French dressing. Our Continental visitors are not enamoured with Harry Ramsden's fish and chips.'

Mr Corran joined ICI Fibres straight from Oxford, where he read modern languages, and has lived in New York and Milan. He still travels extensively to Europe and, occasionally, America, and resents the fact that it costs him as much to fly from Leeds to London as it does from London to the Continent.

Yet, despite Harrogate's shortcomings, he and his wife agree that the town has improved. "It has become much younger and more lively than when we first came," says Mrs Corran, who gave up her career as a knitwear



Symbol of tranquility: Salisbury cathedral is "must" for sightseers. Newcomers who work in the town say: "It's less stressful than London, people are more courteous, and there's a strong empha design consultant ten years ago. It has many more good shops. I find better Continental clothes in

Harrogate than I do in the South. I've just discovered a shop here that sells Zandra Rhodes - the only place I have found outside London that does so." Mrs Corran uses the same supermarkets as she did in

London but says it is harder to

find European basics, such as olive oil. "And getting tradesmen to do anything takes While missing the social life among the bankers and entrepreneurs who lived near their previous home in Weybridge, Surrey, the couple appreciate the warmth of the Yorkshire people.

'There's a very stable community around us," Mrs Corran says. "When we go away our neighbours look after the house, and if I'm here on my own there's always a plate of Sunday roast for me. "The way of life here is much

more real than in the South. People have the right priorities. You get the feeling that you might really live until you are 80

There are other advantages, despite the climate, which Mrs

than in the South. It takes Mr Corran around 20 minutes to commute into work from their Yorkshire stone house in a pretty village to the south of the town.

In London, it could take him up

to an hour and a half.
"Hugh is definitely more re-laxed living here." Mrs Corran says. "He never loses his temper these days. Down in the South I would bear him swearing in French quite a bit, but he never does it now."

Anxious about the girls' education

hilip and Shirley Smith bave no doubt that they made the right decision in moving to Salisbury, Wiitshire, from the outskirts of London four years ago, despite the fact that their lifestyle has totally changed. "it's much more relaxed," says Captain Smith, a 44-year-old former Merchant Navy man who runs his ownbusiness exporting marine equipment to the Third World.

'in London we were out most nights, but now we tend to stay in much more. There's a good choice of restaurants in and

around Salisbury but entertain-

ing is done more at home." The Smiths moved to the cathedral town to be near the export company for which Captain Smith was, at the time, working on a freelance basis. They sold their three-bedroomed detached house in Bromley, Kent, along with planning permission for another dwelling, for £86,000 and bought an £82,000 four-bedroomed house with an office annexe in a village on the outskirts of Salisbury.

Their only concerns were for their daughters, Alexandra, now 15, and Nicola, 12, but the girls settled happily in their new schools, although their parents feel that the standard of education is not as high as it could be.

"I do not feel they ve suffered but I do feel they would have got an education we would have been happier with if we had stayed in Kent," says Mrs Smith, 43, who works part-time for a public relations consultancy based in Southampton. "But the girls are both happy here. They did mind leaving their friends but children are so adaptable and their whole lives now revolve around horses."

The Smiths main disappointment is the difficult journey into

London, because of the inefficient train service and the heavy traffic on the A30 and A303. "We do have a rush hour in Salisbury but it lasts only 20

minutes," Captain Smith says. Mrs Smith still does the family shopping in one of the major supermarkets and buys her clothes at the local Marks & Spencer. "Salisbury is a very cosmopolitan town," she says. "There's a very strong emphasis on music and the arts and a lot of things revolve around the

"There's such a high degree of courtesy here, and it's definitely a less stressful atmosphere. I loved London when I left there but now I feel so unsafe there and I loathe the Underground."

'Blood and thunder' approach to Church

Tor some families, however, moving away from the South-East can be a traumatic experience. When David Quinton's Surreybased firm decided to expand into the Highlands it took him and his wife, Jan, about 18 months to settle into their new

home on the outskirts of inverness. "At one time, we were ready to move back to Crawley," admits Mr Quinton, aged 39. "But now wild borses wouldn't

After three years in the High-lands, where English immigrants are known as "white settlers". the couple have come to terms with their new "leisurely" hife-style, and Mrs Quinton has overcome her initial feelings of loneliness and isolation. "It takes time to build relationships," Mr Quinton says.

As the general manager for Zonal, manufacturers of recording tape, he spent the first few months setting up the new factory and training his new local workforce - "the best I've ever worked with".

His 38-year-old wife works part-time for the firm and their daughters, Clare, 14, and Sarah, 11, go to the local school, which the Quintons consider provides a better standard of education than in England. We were worried about the kids not settling but in fact it was Jan and I who didn't settle as quickly," Mr Quinton says.

Regular churchgoers, the Quintons found it hard to accept the "blood and thunder" approach to Christianity which

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Even cooking on Sundays is very out of order here." Quinton says. "But we've done what our consciences felt was right and people have to put up with it." The family still have their Stroday coast

Their standard of living has one up in that they now live in a 45,000 four-bedroomed, double-garaged detached bungalow on an acre of ground. They sold their three-bedroomed terraced. house in Crawley for £52,000. "We eat out a lot more, mainly because the food is so cheap," Mrs Quinton says.
On other things in the shops,

she estimates, are about 10 per cent more expensive than in the South." They both like the "olde-worlde" cathedral city -"a nice little place, and when I say 'little' i do mean little," says. Mr Quinton But they agree there is not much to do there. "There's one theatre we haven't yet been to and one cinema, which we've been to a couple of times," Mr Quinton says. "I would prefer to be in Crawley in terms of night life and shopping but I wouldn't want to be there to live."

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THIS WEEKEND

Ripon cathedral concert: The English Renaissance Orchestra plays Beethoven's Symphony No 8 in F, his overture Leonora, McCawley's Piano Concerto in E flat, followed by Mozart's Missa Brevis in D.

Ripon Cathedral, north Yorkshire. Tonight 7.30pm, £7, child £3, tickets from Ripon Travel, Kirkgate, or Arcadia Music.

 UK Modelex wings 'n' wheels spectacular: Vintage cars, radiocontrolled aircraft, helicopters and boats, stalls, trade exhibition and big band concert tonight.

North Weald Aerodrome, Harlow. Essex. Today 9.30am to evening. Tomorrow 9.30am-6pm; £3.50, child £1.50 (booking 0684 64505).

 Corby Highland gathering and Sunday funday: Traditional events with piping, drumming, dancing, tug-of-war, tossing the caber, and many other Highland events today. Tomorrow, full programme of arena events, circus and other children's entertainments, bands. Rockingham Triangle Athletics Stadium, Corby, Northampton-shire. Today 8.30am 5.30pm, Tomorrow 11am-5.30pm; £3.

child £1.50. • Bexley show: Arena events, classic cars, parachute drops, traction engines and, tomorrow, an

exemption dog show.

Danson Park, Welling, Kent. Today. tomorrow 11am-5.30pm.

£1.70, family ticket — two adults
plus two children — £4.

harps today, tomorrow in Imperial Gardens, 2pm. Today, street entertainment, carnival procession from 2pm. Tomorrow fun races from 11am, donkey derby 2pm in Cox's Meadow.

Jewish Museum open day: Exhibition about the social history of London's Jewish community. Events include a working tailor, demonstrations of cabinet-making and Hebrew caligraphy, live Yiddish music, drama workshops and beigels for children.

Cheltenham festival: Acolian

Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

London Museum of Jewish Life. Sternberg Centre, 80 East End

Road, Finchley, London N3 (081-349 1143). Tomorrow, 10.30am-5pm, £1, under-13 free.

 Kirties fun festival: Caribbean carnival procession round the town from 3.30pm, steel bands, costume judging, Caribbean and Asian food. Today from 3pm. Greenhead Park, Huddersfield, Yorkshire.

 Seaside family fun: Sandcastle competitions, races, tug-of-war, treasure hunts, and clown shows. ideal five to 11-year-olds. Wish Tower beaches, Eastbourne,

Sussex. Tomorrow at low tide. NEXT WEEK

● East of England agricultural show: Largest regional show of its kind in the country with livestock. arena events, dog show, schools section, many demonstrations and trade stands.

East of England Showground, Alwalton, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire (0733 234451), Tues-Thurs, £8, child £3.50. • RHS flower show: Com-

petitions in summer fruit and vegetables, hardy herbaceous plants, carnations. Royal Horticultural Society. Vincent Square, London SW1 (071-834 4333), Tues Ham-7pm, Wed 10am-5pm, £2.50.

Art Alfresco: Summer art exhibition with paintings, prints, sculpture, textiles, ceramics and jewellery from the London art schools exhibitions in streets, shops, cafes and restaurants in Soho. Performing artists in the Soho street theatre. Soho, London W1, Tues to July 31

(information 071-287 0907). O Dogget's coat and badge race: Annual river race for single sculls over a four mile course, founded in 1715 by Thomas Dogget. race starts 6.45pm.

• Camberland agricultural show: Bringing the country to town with livestock. borticulture, trade stands, competitions and a Food in Britain section. Buts Park, Carlisle, Cumbria. Thurs from 9am.

of the Thames, half way between Waterloo and Blackfriars bridges. The top prize could be £10,000 if any angler is lucky enough to catch

Gold Father Thames

THE Serpentine in London's Hyde Park is now a safer place for ducks, and anglers competing nearby on the Thames today will have a slightly better chance of catching pike. The link between the two is a 152-year-old angling society which went green long before there were votes in it.

When the keepers of the royal parks wanted someone to solve the mystery of their disappearing ducklings they called in the Thames Angling Preservation Society (Taps), which has been fighting to make the river fit for fish to live in since 1838. Taps decided that Hyde Park's ducklings were disappearing down the capacious throats of that Rottweiler of a coarse fish, the pike (Esox lucius, British rod-caught record 44lb 14oz, Ardleigh Reservoir, Essex, 1987).

There are pike lovers who cast doubt on this predator's taste for duck dinners and, perhaps rightly, scoff at stories of them leaping out of the water to munch on small dogs.

Taps agreed with the royal parks

people to give the ducks the benefit of the doubt and netted about 40 pike in prime condition and weighing up to 8lb.

These were transferred into the Thames where, today, the society is holding its annual fishing competition between Westminster Bridge and Southwark Bridge, sponsored by the Central Council for Physical Recreation. More than 100 anglers will take part and everyone is expected to catch fish during the four-hour (10am-2pm) competition: two hours before and two hours after low tide, when the Thames is at its oxygen-best and the fish feed "ravenously", according to optimistic enthu-

Prize-giving is at 3pm at the marquee outside London Weekend Television on the south bank JUDY FROSHAUG one of three small carp which have Today 100 anglers will try to hook a £10,000 prize out

of the Thames



been tagged. Dick Hodges, the secretary of Taps for 23 years, cannot promise that the pike will oblige today. "It's a big river," he says, "and those pike could be anywhere now. But I will be disappointed if every angler does not have fish of some kind to weigh in. Carp, perch, roach, dace, barbel, bleak, eel, brown trout, rainbow trout, perhaps even salmon.

This is a remarkable list when you consider that for more than 100 years, up until the 1960s, the tidal reaches of the Thames were fishless, except for the robust eel.

The Industrial Revolution, and Thomas Crapper's invention of the flush lavatory, killed off the Thames's reputation as one of the

still hardly a fish in it. A determined pollution control programme since then has created conditions which have brought more than 100 different species back to the river, including bass, cod, hake, pipefish and an annual

run of salmon, Since 1979, 1,100,000 salmon have been put into the freshwater reaches of the Thames. The salmon swim out to sea where they. winter for one, two or more years before returning to breed, always to their native river. In common. with all fish the level of mortality is frighteningly high and the number of salmon returning can be as low as 0.05 per cent.

IN 1980, four salmon were trapped and released on their way back up the Thames. In 1981 the figure was eight and in 1988 there were a record 323 returning, salmon counted. Last year's figure slumped to 131 because the summer was so hot and the water. levels so low and short of oxygen, that many salmon died in their attempt to get back to their. breeding grounds.

The Thames Salmon Trust, a charity which works with the National Rivers Authority and Taps, is aiming at a target of 1,000 salmon returning annually.

"Even that figure does not give?" the angier much chance of catching a salmon in such a large river as the Thames," Mr Hodges says."

The object of the programme is anot to provide targets for angles, but to restore the stock of salmon for posterity." for posterity."

If today's competitors do catch a salmon, it will be gently returned, to the river as will all the other. fish. Even duck-eating pike.

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Thames's reputation as one of the finest salmon rivers in the world, and when Mr Hodges took over as Taps secretary in 1967 there was (0735 592848)

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The green oasis alive with snakes and tarantulas

Manchester's Victorian fish market is now a garden centre, but it is not only the vegetables and plants that are attracting the customers

FISH, fruit and vegetables were banished from grand Victorian markets in the middle of Manchester in the 1970s, and, as with Billingsgate and Covent Garden in London, the traders and their wares were shifted out of town to places more rational and

ess picturesque. Unlike in London, philistinism prevailed and the atmospheric old iron, glass and brick market buildings were stripped of their roofs; some were demolished. Only the walls were left, belatedly listed as being of special architectural interest.

Then along came a couple of Mancunians who thought the site of an old fish market would be just the place to start a business. So Peter Crossley and John Warley ased the land from the city and in a couple of months created a green casts from the Oasis Garden Centre, which en oasis from the dereliction,

has been going for seven years.

As a former retail warehouse manager, Mr Warley scarcely had green fingers, but horticulture was evidently in the blood - his father had worked at Kew Gardens. Now he is nearly as expert as his partner, who had run market ardens and been sales manager of a garden centre. "The idea of a city garden centre has paid off," says Mr Crossley. "The Oasis attracts not only shoppers who come into town for the day, but office staff who pop in at lunchtime or on their way home from work.

"We stock everything from a 50p Busy Lizzie to a Cycad media for £1,000. That's an Australian plant which is an ancestor of the Christmas tree.

The Oasis adjoins Manchester's largely Asian-run garment district, and is just a few minutes' walk

from the city's thriving Chine-town. "That's another pleasure of being in the city centre: we are able to cater for a multicultural clientele," Mr Warley says. Asian customers are keen on plants to grow for food - okra, aubergine, chilli pepper, coriander, cumin and fenugreek. Tree peonies, from China, are popular with the Chinese. A ten-year-old one costs £100; recently a Chinese customer

"Chinese people love a particular sort of flowering cactus we grow which they call town-fah," Mr Crossley says. "When it blooms it flowers for only two hours, and fills the room with scent which smells like crushed pincapples and mangoes. They will sit by the plant and wait until it blooms - I think they have a special appreciation of the tranience of beauty."

IN ADDITION to its range of up to a thousand plants, the Oasis also has an aquarium and a reptilium, with koi carp, lizards, giant toads, and snakes - ranging from a tiny sand boa to a 16ft python. There are also fruit bats. tarantulas and scorpions — and there are plans for wallables and butterflies.

The partners sometimes deal with television and film companies. "Once, for a television commercial, we had to build a garden that went through four seasons and aged ten years in just a week's filming," Mr Crossley

"We've hired out plants, snakes and tarantulas. Only this week the BBC rang up to hire an ant. You might say we do the lot, from plant

Help: Lydia Wong, masseuse

Utilising feats of skill

BERNARD SILK

Breaching Pimlico's great wall

Changing face

ondon has never been able to decide if it approves of arcaded streets. One generation returns from the Continent enamoured of the rue de Rivoli and the Piazza San Marco, the next takes the view of the American consul in Italy who, a century ago, condemned "the whole race of arcaded cities" as "dull, blind and comfortless . . . a continuous sell-away". Perhaps the weather changes every 20 to 25

years: first we clamour for shelter from the driving rain, next we want to walk outside in the sun. As Phase II of the Victoria Station redevelopment emerges from its wraps (and good, informative wraps they were, by Wall Street Murals) we see a scheme which tries to combine the best of

both - a majestic, airy colonnade with a continuous glass roof behind, like a conservatory. For the past ten years the southern end of Buckingham Palace Road has been the most noxious introduction to a great city imaginable. Here, in five minutes, you could absorb more lead from fumes than our ancestors would have taken in

during a lifetime. A less user-friendly transport exchange, particularly for passengers moving to and from Victoria railway and coach stations, cannot be Now, the drivers who surge along Buckingham Palace Road have been treated to an extraor-

dinary sight - a gleaming white stone colonnade, as stately as any in London, 600ft long with 20ft Doric columns all the way. Here is monumental classical architecture on a scale well beyond what has been created at Richmond Riverside or conceived for Paternoster. In height and length, it deserves comparison with the great screen wall with which Sir John Soane closed the Bank of England to protect its gold bullion. And if it seems half-familiar, you are not mistaken. for this was the wall mistaken, for this was the wall erected by Act of Parliament in the early 1900s to shut out all sight and sound of the railway. The Duke of Westminster's condition in releasing the land was that the smuts from steam engines should not float out into the expensive purlieus of Belgravia.

The architect of 123 Buckingham Palace Road, as the new scheme is known, is Peter Foggo, who recently left Arup Associates to set up his own practice. His clients, Greycoat Estates and British Rail, gave him the task of combining a large and lucrative scheme of offices and shopping over the tracks with a pleasant route through to the coach station. At the same time, the Green Line bus stops, uncomfortably sited on Ecclestone bridge, have been

housed under cover-The solution has been to retain the architectural element of the great screen wall along Buckingham Palace Road — the column the niches, the cornices and balustrades. To replace the large panels of brickwork in the new openings, handsome Doric columns have been introduced.

A century ago, architects would have agonised over the precise distance between the columns, all of which were mathematically set out in Roman and Renaissance treatises. Mr Foggo has simply placed the new columns beneath the breaks in the Edwardian balustrade above. Here, un-



consciously perhaps, he was echoing Palladio's advice that the Tuscan Order, virtually identical to Doric, could be more widely spaced than Ionic or Corinthian, making it suitable, he said, for placing carts and other vehicles between the openings. Mr Foggo has given the new colonnade a grandeur by coupling the columns in a one-two-two-one rhythm, like the paired columns Wren used at

nside the colonnade, there will be a broad, level walk flanked by shops and places to eat. The sleek tinted-glass buildings above have a double skin with sheets of glass one metre apart. In winter, this will help to retain the warmth of the sun, in summer ventilators will open automatically at the top, drawing in cooler air from below.

The floors of the new pedestrian mall will be in a buff-coloured French stone, the granular texture of which makes it easier to remove blackened chewing-gum stains which so quickly disfigure white

The ingenuity is a mix of public and private space. The new pedestrian mall and large covered square will be paid for and maintained by the developers but open to the public 24 hours a day. Mr Foggo's scheme shows how

ture can be applied to a modern utilitarian building and raise it above the level of pure function. It is easy to see how the high-tech glass and steel box above could have been continued down to pavement level, and this, in fact, is what happens at the sides.

As it is, the colonnades provide

happy response to the row of Edwardian houses across the street, which, incidentally, has some of the richest iron railings in London. Mr Foggo also intends to mirror the leafy row of plane trees opposite with huge planters filled with substantial trees and shrubs.
The test of 123 Buckingham
Palace Road will be whether

travellers between the coach and railway stations use it, and this in turn depends on sufficient trolleys being available at both ends. Otherwise, the hard-won planning gain will be thrown away. For Westminster, the development is proof that a tough

planning policy aimed at maintaining the character of the borough is actually belping it compete with the City. Phase I of the development was let to Salomon Brothers, the American invest ment bankers, and Phase II has been pre-let to PA Management Consultants and the Department of Trade and Industry.



An inside view of the colonnade with its continuous glass roof

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more moderately priced sessions at a London health centre and her local church, or teaching stress management to executives The petite 33-year-old from Singapore began practising Shaitsu massage and other ori-ental healing arts on friends when she was at home bringing up her

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Britain and abroad, and is a member of the Association of Physical Therapists, she warns against putting too much trust in a masseuse's professional qualifications, "It's easy to go on massage courses," she says. "You pay your money and you come away with a piece of paper from a weekend's instruction. What is important is to have a healing touch, to use your instincts, and to treasure the

Those who have experienced her healing touch say it is exceptional. Yet you do not need to be ill to benefit from what she has to offer. Her Wednesday night classes at the Church of the Holy Innocents, in Hammersmith, west London, feature a selection of exercises which are based on Tai Chi, Shiatsu and what Ms Wong calls "qinetics" - "Chinese



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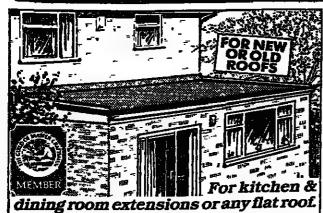
A slim, erect figure in her Chinese-style blouse and baggy trousers, Ms Wong has learned to make her feet as healing as her hands: "But I wouldn't walk ail over everybody. I have to judge such things carefully." A big, muscular back supports her 8 stone frame easily, and athletes are ideal candidates. When I was younger I was asthmatic and heavily stressed from working night-shifts in a casino to support my daughter," Ms Wong says. "So

of diet and exercise and it was a process of self-education. Although she spent a time with

Bodyworks, the now defunct organisation formed to send masseuses and other therapists into offices, she believes it failed because people do not want massage in the office. "They are too aware there that time is money. People want to have it at home, or somewhere where they can relax and forget about work." VICTORIA MCKEE

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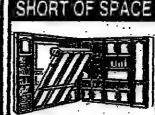
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By Sarah Jane Checkland

Trying to estimate the sell-buy date

ow that the first tremors of the art market earthquake have subsided, it is time to dust off those heirlooms and reassess their worth. Apart from the disappointed vendors currently collecting their possessions from the auctioneers' tradesman's entrances, the tricky question of value is exercising the dealing fraternity, insurance loss adjusters and heritage lobbyists.

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Categories recently cultivated by speculators, such as impressionism, have been hardest hit. Other, dealer-dominated, areas, such as the British paintings sold last week, are relatively unscathed. All areas, however, have been visited by unpredictability, with some star lots performing magnifi-cently while others simply flop.

Last week's British casualties included a minor John Constable drawing of a girl, unsold at less than £8,000, and Joseph Wright, of Derby's erupting Vesuvius from Posillipo unsold at £800,000. At the other extreme, a bronze sculpture by Sir (William) Hamo Thornycroft defied its estimate of £1,800, selling to the London dealer Peter Nahum for £23,100.

The issue for heritage professionals, such as the members of the reviewing committee for the export of works of art which met last Thursday, is whether or not to accept valuations, usually made by auction houses, at last year's bullish prices. A year ago, the committee rubber-stamped a valuation of £20 million on Turner's Seascape, Folkestone, despite the fact that, even during the boom, no painting by him had fetched this much. Because no museum could match that amount and "save" the work, it went abroad.

Museum curators have the knotty problem of valuing art works being lent to exhibitions under a government indemnity, or insurance policy. The paintings scheduled for the Royal Academy's Monet exhibition in September come under this category. If the curators get their prices wrong, the taxpayer could end up paying an inflated bill.

Loss adjustors are also facing complex calculations, and some times disputes over the value of stolen works. The scenario here is that a given category booms, whereupon the owners up their insurance premiums, and the burglars catch on. Then, as the

Why do some works ply want to sell a painting, fail to meet their

estimate - and some

soar beyond it?



Failure: this John Constable was rejected unsold at under £8,000



Success: a Thornycroft bronze topped its estimate by £21,300

burglars go into action, the market falters, and the insurance men refuse to pay more than the lower market price. Valuations are accepted na-

Ively by insurance companies, and everything is hunky dory until the thing is stolen," says Stephen Rollo-Smith, of the insurance company Miller Knight For ordinary punters who sim-

assessment of the market temperature and the worth of a given artefact are confused by a variety of auction practices. These entail "knocking down" works at the final price called out, whether the object sells or not, or indeed whether there are any bids or not. The final "valuation" supplied by the auctioneers to subscribers in their printed sales sheets do not

specify what is and is not sold. Whereas the estimated price first suggested by the auctioneer at the time of consignment is duly published in a given catalogue, the reserve, or lowest price at which the vendor agrees to sell the work, is often adjusted before the sale, making for frequent distortions in relation to the estimate.

If, as appears to have happened with the failed Joseph Wright of Derby painting at Christie's, the reserve was raised to around the level of the printed estimate, it is impossible for observers to know whether the "knock-down" price is due to genuine bidding, or simply the owner's reserve. Bids faltered at £800,000 - right on the printed lower estimate.

Other pitfalls include the varving degrees of expertise available. Whereas Sotheby's and Christie's had steady results for their British paintings last week (apart from the Wright of Derby), vendors at Phillips's equivalent sale had to take home 40 per cent of the works, due to a combination of what one dealer described as "poor-quality works and over-high estimates".

So how does the disappointed

vendor assess the value of his unsold work? With difficulty. A logical way would be to find a

similar work which did sell, and equate the two. Such calculations, however, become irrelevant in a climate where buyers reject "stale goods". Similarly, vendors have no recourse against the auction house for getting the valuation wrong, and no guarantee that after-sale offers will be negotiated to their satisfaction. One dealer derides Phillips for refusing to sell a Henry Moore drawing after a sale, because the company insisted on its usual 10 per cent commission from both buyer and seller. Unless a vendor negotiates with the auction house beforehand, a disappointed he or she can be faced with a bill for up to 5 per cent of the work's "value", £400



Over-priced and left unsold: the Burne Jones druwing of Mrs Mary Gaskill, estimated at £12,000 to £16,000, failed to sell at even £8,500

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Finally, for the flush client looking for an investment, is there any point in attempting to form a collection of bargain "bought in" lots? "For the private person taking a long-term view, the ones which have been around are the best to buy," said one dealer, adding, however, that such action could be "very dangerous".

ertainly most auctioneers are keen. Sotheby's, for example, did manage to sell an important pastel drawing of dancers by Degas, which went unsold at their impressionist sale last month.

Mr Nahum, who for many years was head of Sotheby's Victorian paintings department, recently bought an unsold Burne Jones drawing of Mrs Mary Gaskill. Estimated at £12,000 to £16,000, it had gone unsold at £8,500. He says he refused to bid against what he believed was the reserve. He sucecceded in buying it later at what he reckons was the true market price.

But it takes experience to ascertain whether there have been any genuine bids or not, and even dealers are often unable to tell. Mr Nahum was not so lucky with another unsold painting, because the auctioneers said they had sold it privately. The next be heard was that they had approached another dealer, who was not an expert in his field. "I bought it with the other dealer and lost half the profit," Mr Nahum says.

"The time to start buying unsold lots is when you think the market is at its bottom," said one art market warhorse. "Better to pay a dealer 10 per cent for advice than get highly subjective information from the auction houses."

Better still, he could well have said, sell to a dealer who is financially secure enough to buy your market-weary work outright, and keep it in store until it regains

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Antique peak: Record for any Egyptian antiquity when a 4in-tall turquoise-glazed pottery hippo-potamus sold for £528,000 to the London dealer Robin Symes. The previous record, just short of that price, was for a granite sculpture of the goddess Sekhmet.

Full circle: Greece and Sotheby's come to a private sale agreement over the three best Cycladic sculptures, which now return to Greece. The rest sells impressively, a vessel circa 3,000 BC going for £88,000 (estimate, £12,000 to £18,000).

Head case: £55,000 for a Roman marble head of Antonius Pius which used to be employed by its Norfolk-based vendor as a decorative stone on a grass verge. Watershed: Record, at £286,000 (estimate, £150,000 to £200,000) for a watercolour by Thomas Girtin, thus elevating this artist

into the same league as Turner. It was one of two previously un-recorded works found recently by Sotheby's experts in a client's linen chest

Best Eaglish picture: Group por-trait of the Colmore family by Johann Zoffany, which sold on its lower estimate at Christie's for £2.09 million

Eaglish flops: Portrait of the violinist Paganini by George Patten (estimate, £80,000 to £100,000); Vesuvius from Posillipo (estimate, £800,000 to

Preview

TODAY

A chance to buy the two fast launches which starred in chase sequences in Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade at Phillips' annual sale of classic rivercraft and ephemera at Henley-on-Thames, Complete with simulated bullet holes, they are estimated at £16,000 and £10,000 respectively.

MONDAY July 16

Last full week of London sales before the pinstripe-suited army of auctioneers, experts, and porters take off for their summer break,

TUESDAY July 17

British drawings and watercolours at Christie's King Street features an Alma Tadema without the usual quota of lovelies: a stage set for Coriolanus, estimated up to £20,000.

WEDNESDAY July 18 .

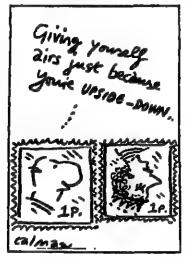
Original Mare caricatures, including Cecil Beaton, Bianca Jagger (both estimated at £400), and a lugubrious big-eared Prince of Wales (£500) at Christie's South Kensington. As drawn by the late Mark Boxer, contributor to this paper from 1969 to 1983, and in later years the editor of Tatler

magazine. Almost 70 charming drawings by Alison Uttley, who illustrated Little Grey Rabbit, at Christie's South Kensington. The drawings, which depict the adventures of Fuzzy-peg, Moldy Warp and company, not to mention LGR himself, were given by the artist to a three-year-old Welsh boy and

rediscovered last year. At Sotheby's, the so-called Dailas collection of Great Britain and the British Empire stamps, esti-mated at up to £1 million for 2,300 stamps. The name derives from the vendor's connection with the Texan oil city. Highlights include a Jamaican one shilling stamp inscribed "Queen Victoria of Jamaica Lady Supreme" whose now desirable fault is that the frame is printed upside down.

THURSDAY July 19

Sotheby's first sortie into the lucrative Lordships of the Manor business, and they are selling the most prestigious of all. The Lordship of Stratford-upon-Avon, birthplace of William Shakespeare, and estimated at £250,000plus, was sold as recently as two years ago for £87,000. The impressive pot-pourti which makes up this sale includes 76 unpublished letters from Mahatma Gandhi to bis prodigal son Harilal (estimate £40,000) and Sir Walter Ralegh's signed History of the World published in 1611 (£8,000).



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Facing mystery

BRITAIN has never featured high on the international masquerade calendar. Apart from a short, and arguably feeble period when the court cavorted in Vauxhall Gardens, puritanism has kept decadence at bay.

Now, because of the government's stringency over arts funding, the capital is being seduced by a series of fund raising balls, such as the surrealist ball in aid of the National Art Collections fund on July 28. Guests who pay up to £100, however, usually follow the British party-pooping traditions: they may wear masks, but they take them off on arrival.

But their habits are likely to change, thanks to the first gallery devoted entirely to masks, and a competition to find Britain's best mask maker. The gallery and competition are the brain-children of Sally Fawl, a computer executive who "carnivalled out" in Venice, Basle and Mexico City, before setting up Masks for Dreams in Pimlico.

For the exhibition she has upgraded her memorable display from 34 countries with the eminently collectable products of our time. Here can be found a daz-

Cover-up: Sally Fawl with some of the masks she hopes will liberate British ball-goers helmet made for a self-conscious bald man attending the Venice carnival; a bear mask, the fur created by gold-painted quills; a space age head-piece twanging with objets trouve such as guitar strings and pieces from circuit boards; and a lugubrious old man, his wrinkles scribbled on paper. The one which should get the prize for surreal effect is the 2ft wide sink plug by Charles O'Connor, a photographer and graphic designer. They are

all for sale at prices ranging from £40 to £1,350. Many come with famous names attached, such as the theatre designer Yolanda Sonnabend and Vin Burnham, creator of the Batman mask in the Warner Brothers film. Masks have a long history, comes complete with wooden

aling sequinned and pearled both magical and theatrical. In primitive cultures they transform their wearer by their magic, for the Casanovas of 18th century Venice, the half-face mask with phallic nose was used initially during the carnival season, but later became a means of disguise all

> THE greatest investment value is to be found in the tribal masks, because they have an worldwide market. Highlights of the exhibition include a large funeral mask wearer carries live snakes. It costs £1,250. A £250 wooden Sierre Leone mask of a woman

nerations of art collectors

and dealers in the Islamic

field". He was a graduate

student at London Univer-

sity's School of Oriental and

African Studies, where the

A dealer until five years ago,

chair is being established.

rolls representing fat around the neck to show "she's really rich". The world auction record is the £30,000 paid for a hooked nose New Caledonian mask at Bonham's this spring. A good reason for masks, Miss Fawl says, is not investment or party-going, but therapy. "They liberate people," she says. She has seen dramatic transformations when people try them on: such as

the dowdy woman who put on

a Titania mask with a crown

and "walked round the shop include a large funeral mass from the Baining tribe of Papua New Guinea, made of tree bark pulp, which is meant to be worn with a large phallus to be worn with a large phallus the like a queen",

• Surrealist ball, Saturday July 28, Hay's Galleria, Tooley Street, London SEI. Tickets, £60, can be obtained from the NACF (071-821 0404)

At large

mislaid a painting featured in this column three weeks ago. George the Bearded, Duke of auction house three years ago for valuation and possible sale. It was valued at £18,000. but subsequently went missframed, measuring 7in by 5in. It was put in a Jiffy bag after being catalogued, and was insurance company "has ac-

The problem now is that the owner, an anonymous Englishman who, according to Christie's, "took two years to notice it had gone astray", is understood not to be too happy with Christie's valuation. Last week a magnificent double portrait by the same artist fetched £4.84 million at

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West End gallery, but it is virtually devoid of art. He is effusive on his life's mission to establish worldwide appreciation of Islamic art - but circumspect about his personal details and the source of bis wealth.

Due to his munificence -£600,000 worth — London will become the centre for Islamic studies in Europe, possibly overtaking the efforts of the 46 Muslim countries which have little tradition of scholarship on their own heritage. "By educating more and more students we are sending out missionaries to different countries, promoting the art and



heritage of Islam," Mr Khalili says. "Endowing the chair is my first step."

Dr Khalili is Iranian by birth, American by choice, and a British resident. He is

he is now "an international adviser to collections and institutions, as well as collect-

says that no one ever raised

ing myself". He charges "fees, huge fees". He was responsible for advising the American collector Arthur Sackler on his antiquities collection, displayed at the Royal Academy in 1987 - and the subject of international controversy

this matter with him. Now the Nasser David Khalili chair is being polished in preparation for its first incumbent, so let the Islamic the descendent of "four art revolution begin.

when it was claimed that some

items were fake. Mr Khalili

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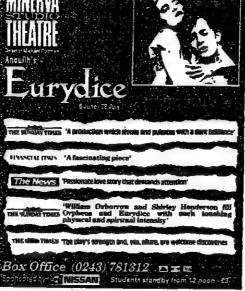
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Stepping into the clear

In September, Ivan Nagy becomes artistic director of the much-troubled

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Ivan Nagy: Eager to meet the challenge as the director of the English National Ballet

Almost 30 years ago, the continuous gave him his first tasks of Western culture, back in the early Stotles when he was still a teemsger in Budapest. Several years later, coincidence stepped in when he married one of the compeny's balleri-nas. But somehow, during a nas. But somenow, ourning a career as a leading dancer that took the Hungarian emigré atound the world, Négy never mainaged to perform with English Nitional Ballet (or London Festival Ballet as it was then called). Now he is to run it.

In September, Nagy will sounce artistic control of Britsin's second largest ballet com-pany, taking over from Peter Schauftes. Carrently director of the Cincinnati Ballet, he is of the Changest Bases, as is coming to ENB at a particularly traumatic time. Schaufuss, artistic director for five years, was fired in January following "irreconcilable differences" with the board of directors. A nazging budget deficit and the continuing problem of where to perform in London added to the company's wors. Then is May, Schanfuss announced that about a dozen of ENB's dancers would be joining him in Bertin where he has become director of the Dentische Oper Rollet.

bappy thine to be moving into Markova House, ENB's head-quarters tucked away behind the Royal Albert Hall. But Ivan Nagy does not seem to be worried. "Yes, I'm frightened. Yes, I'm very excited. Heaven known, I'm not that intelligent, I'm not a clairvoyant. I don't know what is waiting for me,

wan Nagy delights in the Nagy is carrently in London irony of his being ap-pointed artistic director of form in its annual summer season at the Colissum and to take stock of the situation be has inherited. His first task is to replenish ENB's roster of 64 way. "I'm not worned about it because through the years you have so many people begging, there are so many good dancers waiting for a job. New blood is coming in all the time." The twinkle in his eye says he already has a few lined up, although he will not name names yet. But unlike Schaufuss, Nagy will not be bringing dancers over en masse from

> One thing he especially likes shout ENB is in international profile and more dancers from abroad can be expected to join the company. "When I look at dancers, I don't look at pass-port, age, I don't read recom-mendations. I just see how I feel. ENB has such an incredibly rich background, and the different ethnic backgrounds in the company mean people bring their own culture

Cincianati.

Nagy's own background tos-tifies to his internationalist instincts. Born in Debrecen, Hungary, he joined the Buda-pest State Opera Ballet in 1960. After winning a bronze medal at the 1965 Varna competition, which brought him to international attention, his career blossomed when he decided to defect. "I hate the word defect and I never really became a famous defector either, because I kept it very private. I don't have a juicy story, you know, like jumping the border, something in-credible like the Russian

National Ballet Company in matters, artistic things are "my Washington and New York territory. We try to co-operate City Ballet, before becoming a and we should co-operate, but principal dancer with American Ballet Theatre, where he spent I I years until his retirement in 1978. His career as a director began in 1981 at the Bailet del Teatro Municipal in Santiago, Chile. Five years later he became director of the Cincinnati Ballet.

"Nobody thought I would ever be a strong director. You know, they thought 'Ivan is so nice and kind, he cannot be a good father.' Well, I have two kids and I'm a very strong father. Even my own family was surprised. Nine years I survived as a director. I'm not that nice. You can't please everybody when you're a director.

from ENB came, bered what the company had meant to him back in Budapest. They made an incredible imon. It was just overwhelming because I was brought up in the Russian ballet and this was the first Western culture that I was able to see. I loved it.

"I danced all over the world and I never danced with Festival Ballet. I'm still married to Marilyn Burr, who was a ballering with this company for so many years, and I'm taking over the company now. Life is very, very strange."

Taking over a company with a deficit of £260,000, Nagy is aware of the limitations a tight budget can place on his freedom to take artistic risks, and foresees the kind of struggles that go on when artistic decisions start running up the

In the West, he joined the with the board on money artistic decisions - that is my

> to raise much-needed cash for raise eventually . . . money does not grow under apple trees!" He has done it before, when he took his Santiago company to his adopted homeland "and the government pulled out. I had to find a way to bring the whole thing to New really realised that it's not as difficult as I thought. I think I will do it here, too."
> If he had the money, he

would like to give his dancers a rage increase in recognition of careers ("At 35, you're a senior citizen!"). He would also like to bring in new choreographers (the American Ben Stevenson and the Argentinian Mauricio Weinrot are among those men-tioned as favoured) and he is keen to work with Christopher Bruce as resident choreographer. As for himself, Nagy promises he will not be doing any choreography. "I think I would be bad and mediocre, and the world is filled with bad and mediocre choreographers. I certainly don't want to join

What about Nagy the dancer? Will the 47-year-old exdanseur noble - former partner of Dame Margot Fonteyn, Natalia Makarova and Gelsey Kirkland - now take the opportunity to complete the circle and finally dance with the first Western company he ever saw? "I've been a senior citizen for 12 years now and Just

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Straussian salute to a tireless enthusiast

FOR William Mann, music critic of The Times for 34 years, Richard Strauss was god, and Munich was his Mecca. He called his four daughters after characters in Strauss operas, and his important critical study of those operas, his programme notes and the translations which embodied his love and deep responses in generations of readers and music-lovers.

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It was fitting, then, that the William Mann Memorial Concert should be dominated by Strauss's music. After a performance of Mozart's Magic Flute overture and

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Beethoven's Symphony No 1, both of which lived somewhat more safely and less ness in either life or in music colourfully than Bill ever did, making, would have warmed Orchestra, turned at last to Strauss. Margaret Price was to

mannerism or self-consciousing the Royal Philharmonic performance. It was a timely reminder of what he once described as the "high protein have sung the Four Last Songs content" of the songs. Rising but it was reported that she to the sensibly brisk tempi se had a throat infection. by Wordsworth, Harper Heather Harper, whose past brought rare energy and record is peerless but who directness to Strauss's evocation of spring. September, sleep and man's last twilight. Words were made flesh and blood, the voice listened acutely, then rails out, barely stretched at all, miswering the BILLRENWRIGHT

circling solo violin and the lark-song of the flutes. Far from being wander-mude, or tired of travelling (as Strauss's last song has it), Bill was touring Austria to re-search a new book on Schusearch a new book on Schu-bert shortly before he died last September. Something of the confidence and vigous of life—as well as the tading of its light—is there, too, in these songs, and Heather Harper found it.

seldom sings in public these days, gamely stepped in at barely 24-hours' notice, though the late substitution

meant that the advertised performance of Mozart's Exsultate Jubilate was

dropped.

Bill, who had no time for

In the last line of all, the horn quotes Strauss's "trans-figuration" theme from his orchestral tone-poem Tod und Verklarung. The Royal Philharmonic played it as a pre-lude to the Four Last Songs and did so with an enthusiasm which triumphed over the considerable difficulties of balance and pacing. HILARY PINCH

The tedium of secret soaps

AL WEATHER

Earwig The Pit

the Pit, is like entering an inferno below Television Centre. Monitors hover over a stage on which cameramen shunt machinery and a floor-manager relays orders from "stand by, studie, nice and quiet". There are even plastic cups around the table where the creative people ait and the sola on which the actors will ston perch, ready for action.

This is the acting for a sosp-within a series within a play.

A item of striptwriters presents episodes of a drama involving a feminist play-wright impelled by financial fixed to write commercial tat and by professional pride to pass it off as other people's work. The result is a piece forever jumping from level to level. Ron Daniels, the direc-tor, does well to make it so

pursue her own work because hired to write her secret soaps, would "solve" her problem by employing a more prolific if more congenial one? More to

is Paula Miline's play worth charifying? The trouble is not the soap, a hilariously lachrymore portrait of parents who discover their children were swapped at birth. This is Coronation Street written by the characters of Neighbours. Nor is it altogether the serial, though this is more inept that Milne may realise.

the point, why should any audience sympathise with

Lechrymose: Int Driver and Lisa Harrow in Earwig

ing herself to keep her second Milne's handling of the people house, her children at private who created her. Though school, and her reputation for meant to be real, they too socialist principle? Milne belong in a upmarket soap. thinks it unreasonable of the Their divisions are absolute. television moguls to reject this Two are hacks and opporhypocritical Rosa Luxemburg; tunists, keen to foist pap on but, even with peppy Lisa Harrow in the role, I would

the masses, and two are troubled radicals who hope to have pushed the off button. infiltrate their own beliefs onto the small screen. Milne might have made her preference for the latter pair

more persuasive had they not commitment, anger and their on-and-off affection. Neither Clive Russell, a bearded Scots parody of the late David Mercer, nor the personable Sally Edwards can inject life into "when you last spoke out at that story conference, I thought what strength, what conviction!" and other such ploaking lines.

Now it is as if the characters of *Dynasty* were writing a sitcom for Channel 4.

Yet the play has its amusing moments and, since Milne herself is an experienced television writer, its revealing ones. There may not yet be a computer called Earwig, which deduces in advance what ratings will be. But television undoubtedly has its evil operators, its victimised writers, and maybe even the word URST, meaning the that can lift a failed soap into a popular triumph. We do not leave the Pit altogether empty.

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satire? When is it time to go

home? When will exams be

If the likes of Eagleton and

Malcolm Bradbury have their way, the answer to

the last question will be a

short, simple and, to many of

Bradbury teaches graduates

at East Anglia. He has had 25

years setting exams (only

some of them featuring his

own novels). Now, under his

influence, East Anglia has

consigned more than half of

its exam papers to the dustbin.

however, the prospects are not

so good. Even Bradbury be-

lieves that exams do have a

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For those still at school.

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*Oh Malcolm. It's so surer of you to have our INITIALS strip-mined into the Nevada desert. And abseiling thirty-five floors with a hundredweight of CHOCOLATE SNAILS ... well, it was such a lovely gesture. And now Petite Liquerelle. How did you know? My FAVOURITE after dinner

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File in, silent and sweating (on exam days it is always hot and sunny, even during

ANNUAL

Writing on one side of the paper only, and keeping a good eye on the clock,

Nicola Murphy asks why teenagers continue to suffer from an absurd

examination called English Literature

Wimbledon), while someone faints, someone else has hysterics and 16 people ask to go to the loo. From O-levels to Oxbridge finals, exam techmique remains the same.

You spend 35 seconds reading the paper, 10 minutes planning the first essay and an hour and five minutes writing it. You look at the clock, decide not to panic, look at the other questions and panic.
"It's hard to think of a

worse way of examining English than to ask someone to sit in an exam and be sensitive

It is not just the process, it is the actual questions. Eagleton believes that there are only two: "One is the bland, tooth less question that pretends that it isn't simply saying 'write what you know about

this author'. The other is barbed and angled and usually prevents the candidate from ing his or her material. The first corresponds to Oxford,

"Was Hamlet mad?" Yes, Hamlet was completely barmy; no, Hamlet was complete sane; in conclusion, he was probably a bit odd and certainly a delight to all adherents of the thesis, antithesis,

"Orwell was first and fore-"Jane Austen painted small

the other to Cambridge." Thus the "Show the in-

fluence of Hardy's maid's third cousin's daughter-inlaw's red stockings on the author's juvenilia" type of question.

Or perhaps these are more

most an artist. Debate." bits of ivory. Was she a

"George Eliot created loose, baggy monsters. Was she an competent seamstress?"

desks in those draughty, cavernous school gymnasiums. "I simply can't approve of A-level students writing theses on Carla Lane's Bread instead of Shakespeare. You've got to have some standards."

SUMMER SALE and imaginative in 46 minutes according to some kind of formula - and then do it again, and again," says the Oxford don Terry Eagleton. synthesis school. "Orwell was first and fore-FRIDAY 6th JULY - SATURDAY 21st JULY "It's a travesty of what the subject is about. Qualities of most a propagandist. Discuss." resilience count for more than PARSONS GREEN REPRODUCTIONS LTD

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6.40 Open University: Pure Maths -Quadric Surfaces 7.05 Decision-Making:

Miners' Wage Claim 7.30 Playdays (r) 7.50 Muppet Bables (r) 8.15 The 8.15 from Manchester. Teenage magazine series. Guests today include the group James, bellering Susan Hogard, and steeplechaser Desert Orchid, while Martin Roberts's report from across the Atlantic is on drag racing. Presented by Charlotte Hindle and Ross King 10.55 Film: Lassie's Great Adventure

(1963) starring Jon Provost and Richard Kiel. A made-for-television adventure in which Lassie and her owner are swept away in a hot-air balloon and crash land in the Canadian mountains. Average Lassie film with the wonderdog whimpening in a cute way and Kiel, who played Jaws in the Bond movies, as the Indian who befriends the couple. Directed by William Beautine 12.27 Westher

12.30 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.35, 2.05, 2.35 and 3.05 Golf: action from the final round of the Bell's Scottish Open at Gleneagles; 12.55 News; 1.00 Motor Racing: the final practice round for tomorrow's Foster's British Grand Prix at Silverstone; 1.55, 2.25 and 2.55 Racing from Lingfield; 4.55 Final

5.05 News with Moira Stuart. Weather 5.15 Regional news and sport

5.20 The Flying Doctors: The Wrangler's Daughter. Undernanding drama series set in the Australian outback, where doctors have to fly out to their patients. A safari comes to town, causing chaos everywhere, and

the horse wrangler's mentally handicapped daughter goes missing. 6.05 'Allo 'Allo! The show which seems to be repeated even more often than The Sweeney. René and Michelle plan to slip away to Switzerland but the rest of the cast goes with them. (r).

6.30 That's Showbusiness. Showbiz quiz in which celebrity panels battle it out to prove just how fittle they know about showbiz. Joining regular team captains Kenny Everett and Gloria Hunniford are Nerys Hughes, Eamonn Holmes, Jan Ravens and Neil Innes.

(Ceetax)
7.00 The Les Dennis Laughter Show. In the last of the comedy series Les displays his spoof talents in sketches based on the Blue Peter presenters, satellite television, health clubs and the Yellow Pages dvert. (Ceef 7.30 Takeover Bid. Bruce Forsyth

introduces another round of the ruthless game show in which contestants bid to take prizes from each other. (Ceefax) 8.00 Miss Marple: A Pocket Full of Rye. Another repeated case of the crime solving OAP to celebrate the centenary of Agatha Christie's birth. A City financier dies in his office, apparently poisoned. The only clue to his death is the rye he has in his

pocket and the poison itself, which has been derived from yew. And the man lived at Yew Tree Lodge. Enter Joan Hickson's deceptively fragile Miss Marple to second-guess the plodding CID. The usual strong support comes from Timothy West, Peter Davison and the late Fable Drake (r).

9.45 Athletics from Oslo, Action from the Mobil Bisiett Games, culminating in live coverage of the "Dream Mile". The commentators are David Coleman and Ron Pickering 10.40 News with Michael Buerk. Sport and

weather 10.55 Rockliffe's Babies: Looking After

Your Own. Repeated police seri masterminded by an old Z-Cars hand Leonard Lewis, which some failed to get the first time round. Perhaps there was not enough variety in the characters while Rockliffe himself (lan Hogg) was insufficiently developed. In this episode Rockliffe and his team of rookie cops investigate series of assaults on women (r).

11.50 Film: Rasputin - the Mad Monk (1966) starring Christopher Lee (who else?) in the name part, with Barbara Shelley and Richard Pasco. Confused historical drama from the house of Hammer, barely based on fact, which turns Rasputin into an insane monk bent on bringing destruction to Russia after he has wormed his way into the court of Tsar Nicholas II. Lee's stylish playing makes up for a lot. Directed by Don Sharp 1.20am Weather

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6.00 TV-am 9.25 Ghost Train. With guests John McArdle and Sue Johnston from the cast of Brookside and pop group Big

Country 14.30 The ITV Chart Show. The Vintage Video slot features Lionel Richte
12.30 Huoldeberry Finn and His Friends:
Huck Becomes the Victim. Outdoor adventures of Mark Twein's young

1.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather
1.05 LWT News and weather
1.10 A Beetle Called Darek. Andrea
Amold presents the show which tackles
environmental issues in an upbeat

way. Today's subject is transport 1.40 Cororuntion Street (r) 2.35 Film: Gerden of Evil (1954) starring Gary Cooper, Richard Widmark and Susan Hayward. Meandering adventure yarn, set in 1850s Mexico. about three disparate men escorting a woman through bandit country to save her husband. Directed by Henry Hathaway 4.20 Cartoon Time 4.30 Katts and Dog. One policeman and his dog in an all-action series staming

Jesse Collins and Rin Tin Tin III
5.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather
5.05 LWT News and weather
5.15 Zorro: The Legend Begins. A new swashbuckling adventure series set in 19th-century California, starring

Duncan Regent 6.15 Cannon and Ball's Casino. Tommy and Bobby invite contestants to try their luck in the casino, where tempting prizes are on offer. Musical interludes are provided by Hothouse Flowers and Leo Sayer. Last in the current

7.00 It's Beadle! Jeremy Beadlepersuades members of the audience to make fools of themselves in practical ickes and dameaning challenges.
7.30 Close to Home: Father and Family.

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Sitcom about a perpetually foraused divorced vet (Paul Nicholas) bringing up two children. With Angherad Rees (r). (Oracle) 8.00 The Seint.

 Postponed for a week by the World Cup, the Saint returns in the new guise of Simon Dutton, who looks like a tailoning ad, and on this evidence. to lan Ogilvy and Roger Moore. The first



Simon Dutton: teilor-made Saint (8.00pm)

vam is set in Australia, which see yam is set in Austraina, writtin seems to be overrun by sinister Chinemen and acquisitive Japanese. The Chinemen and acquisitive Japanese. The Chinese community predictably provides the standard issue slit-eyed villain, badly acted even by the conventions of the role. Other ingredients include a crooked business deal, a family foud and a white slave racket, so there is plenty to fill the two hours. The wome are so immediately coiffered they can only just have left the

hairdressers and if the men are not. driving a Rolls it must be a Porsche. Being Australia we have characters called Raeleen and Medge, or pertiagathe script has a sense of humour. The Saint may not be great drama but-its ability to fill a dull Saturday

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evening is not to be underestimated (Oracle) 9.50 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather -10.05 LWT Weather 10.10 Airport 90. Fem Britton and Nick

Owen continue their series of live reports from Gatwick Airport reports from Gatwick Airport

10.40 Hale and Pace. Cornedy (r) (r)

11.10 Tour of Duty: Salgon. Drama series following an American platoon during the Vietnam War

12.10am Film: Every Home Should Have.

One (1971) starring Marty Feldman, Shelley Berman and Judy Comwell. Shelley Berman and Judy Comwell.
While his wife is busy trying to clear the screens of sexy images, a naive admen finds himself in charge of a new project — creating a sexy image for porridge. Zarry but obnoxious comedy shown in the United States under the tribe. Think Dirty. Directed by item Clark, Followed by News beadings 1.45 Film: The Black Room (1995, b/w) starring Boris Kartoff. A curse seems to have been availed when Beron do
Berghem seets the black room whereit
is said one of his twingons will
murder the other, but when the old
Beron dies, his wicked son Gregor
has a secret entrance put into the norm and draws up plans to satisfy his blood lust. One of Karloff s-best roles and an excellent, understated

iller. Directed by Roy William Netl 3.10 Special Squad 4.05 The Hit Man and Her-Disco music 5.00 ITN Marning News with Phil Roman. Ends at 6.00

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6.50 Open University: Meths — Scalings and Powers 7.15 Birth of a Drug 7.40 Graphs, Networks and Design 8.05 Management in Post-Compulsory Education: 16+ - The Sheffield Story 8.30 Mechanisms of Pain Relief 8.55 The Social Impact of Rapid Industrialisation 9.20 Physics: Gaseous Diffusion 9.45 Stowe and Stantonbury 10.10 Nitrate in Drinking Water 10.35 Iron Making and Bridge Building 11.00 Voyages of Discovery 11.25 Germinal by Emile Zola 11.50 Statistics: Regression 12.15 Physics: Phonons 12.40 Looking Again at Large Samples 1.05 The Comflake Story 1.30 Modern Art: Beckmann 1.55 Materials in Action: From Design to Manufacture 2.20 Ottoman

Supremacy: the Suleimaniye, Istanbul 2.45 Mahabharat. Episode 14 of the 91part dramatisation of India's greatest epic poem, which is watched by more than 100 million viewers in India. and rather fewer here. In Hindi with English subtitles, 3.20 Animation Now: The Big Snit.

Canadian animated film about a

suburban couple (r)

9.30 Film: War and Peace (1956) starring
Henry Fonds, Audrey Hepburn, Mel
Ferrer, Herbert Lorn, John Mills,
Oscar Homoka. Filleted adaptation of Tolstoy's epic about a Russian family threatened by the Napoleonic invasion, partially rescued by the magnificent battle scenes and the fragile beauty of Miss Hepburn. Directed by King

6.50 Romance and Revenge: South of the Border. A documentary about Hollywood's fascination with all things south of the Mexican border 7.15 NewsView. The day's main news stories presented by Morra Stuart; Lynette Lithgow reviews the week's

news in pictures with subtitles. Weather

8.00 Jack Brymer: A Birthday Celebration. A tribute to the master clannettest Jack Brymer, who is 75 this year. The film follows his career from the time he was a PE teacher to his becoming the principal clarinet in Sir Thomas Beecham's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, a post he occupied for 16 years. Includes a complete performance of Mozart's Clarinet Concerto, and discussion of the Brymer phenomenon with John Dankworth, Norman del Mar. Margaret Foot and Emma Johnson



Adrian Dunbur and Dunthila Molloy (9.10pm)

9.10 Theatre Night: Pentecost The last stage play written by the Belfast writer Stewart Perker before his early death has four people merconed in a Belfast terrace house during the Ulster Workers' Council strike of 1974. The use of contemporary news film and the voice of the prime ster Harold Wilson denouncing the strike suggest a political play, but Parker was atways able to see Northern Ireland in a perspective wider than the battles on the streets. Write the merits of the strike do provoka a

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debate between two of the characters from different sides of the sectorism divide, Parker leaves the here and now for excursions into symbolism in which the house and its occupants can be read as a metaphor for Ireland, and Christian parallels are drawn in accordance with the title. By resurrecting a deceased former tenant, whose memory goes back to the first, world war, Parker also supplies a historical dimension. Sometimes the weight of meaning overwhelms the drama but this is a richly textured piece, performed by an excellent cast

10.35 Cricket. Tony Lewis introduces highlights of today's Benson and Hedges Cup final between Worcestenshire and Lancashire at Words farther and Lancashur at Lord's, with commentary by Richle Benaud and dack Bennisser

11.25 Film: The Triel (1962).

Onen Water mouts Kurks in Zagreb and the describe Gare d'Orsey mittens et station in Beris and the next it.

railway station in Paris and the result is a film of extravagant beroque images pulling out every trick of lighting and camera angle. Whether it is a suitable form in which to convey the nightmare of Joseph K (Anthony Perkins), arrested one morning for an unspecified crime, has divided critical opinion. The Trial has enjoyed a much higher reputation on the Continent ain and the United States. Some say it is a masterpiece, others that content is swamped by extraneous stylistic incluigence. Either way it is an extraordinary piece of film making, Welles's most potent use of the medium since *Citizen Kane*. Welles not only directed but wrote the script, edited the film and played the important part of Hestler, the advocate. It says much for the rest of the cast, notably Perkins, Jeanne Moreau, Romy Schneider and a lavourite Welles actor, Akim Tamiroff, that it is not overwhelmed.

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6.00 Comic Book 7.30 International Times 8.00 Transworld Sport 9.00 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning

9.25 Australian Rules Football presented by Steve Robilliard 10.30 Hand in Hand. A programme for

hearing difficulties (r)
11.00 Check Out. Weekly programme tackling consumer problems (r). (Oracle 11,30 Wagon Train (b/w). Vintage 1950s

children, concentrating on those with

Robert Horton 12.30 California Off-Beat, includes a report on California High School's annual

birdcalling contest. Presented by Vayne Freedman 1.00 Film: A Yank at Oxford (1938, b/w) starring Robert Taylor, Maureen O'Sullivan and Vivien Leigh. A sallcentred American student univus et Oxford, gets brought down to reality, tells in love with his biggest rival's sis and is nearly expelled. Agreeable period piece, the first production of the pre-war invasion of Britain by MGM. Directed by Jack Conway 2.55 Mr Rossi Goes Skiing, Anima

ture in which Bruno Bozetto's celebrated character takes a trip to The Alps

3.05 Channel 4 Racing from York and the Curragit. Derek Thompson present live coverage of the 3.10, 3.40, 4.15 (John Smith's Magnet Cup) and 4.45 races from York; and, at 3.55, the Kildangen Stud Irish Oaks from the

Currech 5.10 Brookside. Omnibus edition (r). (Oracle)

6.30 Tour de France-1990. Stage 13: Villard de Laris to St-Etienne, a distance

of 154km
7.00 The World This Week includes a report on Albania's growing nationalist aspirations. Followed by Weather 8.00 Kingdom of the Deep: Search for the Shinohata. This week's edition of the concluder on imment the excellent environment documentary series deals with the search for a Japanese Imperial Navy nubrouring sunk in the South Pacific in. 1944 (r)

9.00 thirtysomething. Comedy/drama senal looking at the lives of seven triends who have reached that . Unitysomething ege. (Oracle) 9.55 Revolution — La Belle France. An animated tribute to Bassilla Day by Bob

10.00 Film: Chronicle of a Death Foretold (1987) starring Omelle Muti and Rupert Evenett, Adapted from the Gabriel Garcia Marquez novel, this is a story of murder and revenge, but ultimately of love. A don young man comes to Cartagena seeling a wife and duly finds one, only to discover that she is not a virgin. Her family, enraged that the prospective marriage is now off, force her to tell them who was the secucer and go after him to cleim revenge. A powerful look at the strength of honour and the temptation of money, the film is full of the passionate images and hypnotic settings which mark so much of the work of the director; Francesco Roal

● In a vague spin-off from Hypotheticals a "jury" of 12, gently produced by the moderator He Boaden, other over and give their verticit on a tricky personal dilemma. Tonight it is the case of a 27-year-old



en Boader: a discreet moderator (12.05em)

single mother of two who owes £400 to a loan shark, with a week to pay, and rest the chance to the him a tute to raise the money. The other possible sources of cash have been nearly ruled out. She has kicked out the husband, she cannot earn much more than she receives from social security and there is no help available from her parents. Most of the available from her parents. Most of the programme is taken up by the jury's deliberations punctuated by periodic counting of votes. As in The Twelve Angry Maz we start with a single votes opposed to the other eleven and watch opinions gradually shift. The standard of debate is generally high but the talking goes or a shade too long and there is some repetition. Boaden's moderation is discreet and

1.20 The Harp in the South. The second part of a short mini series following the lives of an Irish-Australian family in the years after the second world war (r). Ende at 2.15

4.09 Will You Still Love Me?: Over

Os from around Britain talk transly about remembe and sexual love († of 4) (†) 4.30 Science Now: Peter Evens reports on new research into

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5.00 High Filers: David Walker

meets those on the top sung: of the public sector ladder. Part 4: George Bain, principal of the London Business

of the London Business
School (r)

5.25 Little Bighty on the Down: The ornical goings on in the fictional village of Little Bighty (s) (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 News; Sports Round-Up 6.25 Citizens of minibus edition (a) 7.10 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson (a)

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organ): Schoenberg (Modern Psalm: BBC Chorus and SO under Pierre Boulez) 10.55-7.30pm Cncket Special (MW only): Benson and Hedges Cup Final Lancashire v resstanshire of Lord's 1.20pm News 1.25 Crickel
Forum 1.55-7.30 Commentary
12.05 The Schamarum Pinno Somatice
(PM only): Melcolm Binns
plays Sonata No 3 in F minor;
Kinderszenen, Op 15
1.00 News (FM only)

1.00 News (FM only) 1.05 Words (FM only): Part 1: Language of Science, John Durant with four reflections on the public understanding of science 1.10 Last Summer in Eszlergom (FM only): The final , programme from the 1989 . Guitar Festival 1.55 Marass (FM only): Purcell

RADIO 3 2.15 Sir John Pritchard (FM only), 1921-89. Fixel programme. Rawathome (Owerture, Street Corner: LPO); Strauss (Four Last Songs: BBC SO); Beethoven (Romance No 1 In G. Prittampusi, Overheete). G: Philhennonia Orch

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Schubert (Symphony No 9 in C, Great: LPO)
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Ensemble performs Britten (Fantare for St Edmundsbury); William (Fantare for St Edmundsbury); Wilby (Classic Images); Oscar Boehm (Sextet in E flat minor,

Op 30) 4.25 Debut (FM only): Elizabeth 4.25 Debut (FM only): Elizabeth Woollett, soprano, Ingrid Surgenor, piano, perform Purcell (If Music Be the Food of Love, third setting); A. Parisotti, attr Pergolesi (Se tu m'arni so sospin); A. Scarlatti (Fiançailles pour rire); Walton (Daphne; Through Gilded Trelises; Old Sir Faulk)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests (FM only) with Peter Clayton
5.45 Critics' Forum (FM only); The final edition, with Christopher Cook, in the chair, Michael Billington, John Carey and

Bilington, John Carey and Marina Vaizey 6.35 Interpretations on Record (new snterpresations on record (researce) (FM only until 7.30):

• With Saturday Review and its indispensable Building a Library leature dispensed with for the summer, it alies to interpretations to fill the gap in Radio 3's isudable policy of believe to the summer. helping us sort out the recorded wheat from the chaff. Not that there's much chaff in Alan Blyth's scholarly survey tonight of available recordings of Elger's *Dream of Gerontius*, although Gedda's Gerontius is too tearful for him. His favourite, by a mile, is Heddle Nauh. But Interpretations is never as clear-cut as that, it adopts a "horses for courses" approach, discerningly distributing its pluses and minuses

7.35 New Year: Glyndebourne Chorus under David Angus; LPO under Andrew Davis, perform Michael Tippalt's new opera in its European premie production, directed by Pete Hell for Glyndebourne, Act 1 B.20 Act 2 8.50 Act 3

8.20 Act 2 8.50 Act 3
9.30 Kathron Sturrock plays Mozart
(Rondo in A minor, K 511, for
pano); Schubert (Wanderer
Fantasy, D 760) (r)
10.10 Andy Shepperd and the
Hityfurnical Persunages. A
concert by the sexopinorist
and his 15-piece orchestre,
recorded at the Half Moon
Theatre, London
12.00 News 12.05cm Close

um Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing: Weather 6.1 The Ferming Week: Oliver on reports from Romenia 6.50 Prayer for the Day (s) -6.55 Weather 7.00 Today, incl 7.00 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.55, 8.58 Weather 9.05 Sport on 4 with Cliff Morgan

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S Sport on 4 with Crit Morgan 5 Breakaway: The holiday programme visits the north east of England. Julian Petitle reports on the area's eporting traditions, and Alemah Martin looks at activities for children and visits British in Bloom at the Galeshead Garden Eastivel.

Festival 10.00 News; Fourth Column: Alen. 10.00 News; Fourin Countin Amin.
Coren and guests exercise with and wisdom on topics such as life, death, politics, religion and Mrs Emmeline Pankburst.
10.30 The Wordmanter: Part 3: New York. Two programmes in which Dick Vosburgh delivers the collected warder of

into the collected works of huntorist S.J. Pereiman. Includes readings from his Includes readings from his letters and an adaptation of Entered as Second Class

Metter, with Jo Kendell, Beth Porter and Keny Stale (a) (f) 11.00 News; The Week in Westminster with Michael White.

11.30 Europhile: Max Easterman with the topical magazine covering European issues 12.00 Money Box: Unmadding Your Money; Heather Phyton presents the first of four programmes giving advice on

presents the mist or four programmes giving advice on managing personal and family finances

12.25pm The News Outz hosted by Barry Took (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan

Dimbleby in Penzance with panellists Bruce Anderson, Angela Browning, Professor James Lovelock and John Prescott, MP (r) 2.00 News; Any Answers?: 071-580 4411. Jonathan Dimbleby takes last news calls on bours

raised in Any Questions? 2.30 Play: Cloud Cuckoo Land, by Catherine L. Czerkawska (s)

(r)
S.45 Children of the Cloth: Floy
Hattersley, MP, balks to Trevor
Burnes about how he
discovered the secret that his
father had once been a

Catholic priest (3 of 6) (s)

Weather
10.00 Nava:
10.15 Open Mind with Hugo Young!
10.45 Once Upon a Time: Edith
Neshit and the London and
Kent area. The fourth of six
programmes in which
Christina Hardyment escorts
Marjorie Lotthouse around
places connected with well
known children's stories
11.00 The Tingle Factor: Thora Hard,
telks about the music that. talks about the music that. 2 sends a shiver down her spine 11.30 Arnold Brown and Company Arnold, Christopher Campbell, David Charles and Emma Garner-Ctarke entertain us with their unique outlook on

With the straight ife (s) 12.00-12.38am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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7.00 Frank Bough's World 1.00pm Black
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2.00 Wrestling Challenge 3.00 The incredible Hulk 4.00 Chopper Squad 5.00 Sara
6.00 The Love Boat 7.00 Those Amazing
Animats 8.00 Film: Desperate Women: An
ex-gunsinger escorts tree leaned prisoners, abandoned in a desert, to safety.
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SKY MOVIES

2.00pm The Stapping Charmal 2.00pm The Dragon That Almost Wasn't: Animated story for children 3.00 The Adventures of Captain Schmau-zer. An animated edventure for chaltren, staming the heroic dog Captain Schmauzer 4.00 Hero At Large (1980): An aspiring actor dresses up as "Captain Avenger", a masked super-hero, and makes public appearances around town. Unwittingly, he foils a hold-up and becomes a real-life hero. Co-dain Anne Aucher.

Co-stam Anne Anther 6.00 The Princers Bride (1987): A lantas comedy set in a tary-tale world where a dashing farmhand travels to the Cliffs of distrees Sterring Cary Elwes, Mandy Patrikin, Chini Secundon and Robyn Wingth 7.40 Energiament Torright 8.00 Switching Chennels (1988). Kethleen Turner wants to guil her job as a newerender and many Christopher Reave Her producer and ex-husband Burt Reynolds has other

9.40 UK Top Ten
10.00 Real Genius (1985) A teenage
genus enrols in a science course which
tums out to be a front for a secret
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11.45 Pretty Smart (1998): Comedy in which two sisters are sent to a Greek finishing school and become involved in a drug-emagging piol 1.30am Invesion USA (1985): Soviet-backed terrorists invade the United States. However, formule expert Chuck Noris to on band to through there 4.00 Red Sensio (1995): Brighte Mishan is However, kurste expart Chuck North is on hand to thiwart them 4.00 Red Sonia (1965): Brighte Nielsen is the flame-harred heroine wielding a sword against the ewi queen who killed her family. Arnold Schwerzenegger lends his might. Ends 5.25

EUROSPORT 6.00am As Sky One 9.00 Eurobics 9.30 Motor Sport 10.00 Trax 12.00 Eurosport Live: Tenns — The RADO Swiss Open: Got — Scotish Open: Cycling — Tour de France 6.00pm International Motor Sport 7.00 Athletics. Bislett Games from Osto, Norway 9.30 Motor Facing 10.00 Athletics 11.00 Mobil One Motor Sports News 11.50 Boxing 12 50am Dursten

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6.30am Powersports International 7.30 Motor Sport 8.30 Sailing 9.00 Show Jumping 10.00 Baskethall 12.00 US Pro Bosing 1.30pm Major Lasgue Baseball 3.45 Home Racarg 4.15 Tempin Bowling 5.00 Polo 6.00

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ca the repeat
2.20pm Crime and Punishment (1935)
Dostoyevsky's classic about a man who
commits murder and is termented by guilt
Staming Peter Lome and Edward Amold
4.00 Ishitar (1987) Comedy staming Dustin
Hollman and Warren Beasty as Invo engar

songwittens who find themselves caught up in Middle Eastern Intique. Both fall for a beautiful freedom Righter (stabelle Adjani) 6.00 Batteries Not-Included (1987): A Spielberg science-liction fentasy about milesture allers who come to the applicance. ministrature amengs with come to the assistance, of a feliaty old couple withous Allerhatten towards of a feliaty old couple withous Allerhatten towards of a feliation of the company and the company and the company of the company o take his place at school
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rooldes into battle in Grenada. Staring Clint

Lastwood 12.20am Friday the 13th Paid Three (1982): The brutal staying continues at Camp. Crystal Laker Starting Bana Kimmel and Dystar Line Control of State A beauty Auditor Paul Kraffia and Cission A beauty Adulton Implants a robot computer in the brain of the murdered gid-next-door Stanfing Melithew Laborheum and Kristy Swenson Emis 3.35

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9.15 The Four Seasons: Denie Healey, MP, presents a selection of music portraying auturon, includes works by Weill, Brahms, Mahler, Haydr, and Berlioz (3 of 4) (s) 9.50 Ten to Ten fed by Carron Geoffrey Brown (s) 9.59 Weather 10.00 News A STATE OF THE STA

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BBC 1

6.45 Open University 8.55 Playdays (r) 9.15 Umbrella.

ligious series for children (r) 9.30 This is the Day. A simple religious service from the Aids unit at the Mildmay Mission Hospital in London 10.00 Bugs Bunny's Year. Cartoon fun celebrating the popular rabbit's 50th

anniversary (r)
10.25 Film: Megaforce (1982) starring
Berry Bostwick, Michael Beck and Persis Khambatta. Fantasy adventure which pays more attention to special effects than plot. Directed by Hall

12.05 Sign Extra. Chris Baines looks at the damage caused to the countryside by 12.30 Country File. John Craven

investigates ways of controlling water pollution 12.55 Weather, Wales: arming in Wales 1.00 News with Mora Stuart followed by On the Record. The foreign secretary Douglas Hurd discusses Britain's future as part of a Europe which has undergone drastic changes in the past few months 2.00 EastEnders.

Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 Film: Ferry to Hong Kong (1959). A
dull slog of a plot about a ferry boat
captain and his Austrian layabout passenger, who are outrageous overacted by Orson Welles and Curt Jurgens. The Rank Organisation's first attempt at an international epic was directed by Lewis Gilbert, who more

recently has made much successful films from Willy Russell's plays, Educating Rita and Shirley Valentine. Northern Ireland: Game and Country Fair 3.45 The Relief of Dany Pageant 4.25

Hidden Ground 4.55 Air Show 90. Now Edmonds travels the country to bring highlights of four distinctly different air shows: the Southend Air Show, the Schneider Trophy air race, the show of military power and precision from RAF Mildennell and the Old Warden's Shuttleworth Collection

5.45 Head over Heels. Lucy Pilkington and Susan Rae look at Me from a woman's point of view. (Ceefax) 6.15 Lifetine. Citt Michelmore and Lynette Lithgow with the latest charity news; Claire Rayner appeals on behalf of Purents for Children

5.25 News with Moire Stuart. Weather 5.40 Festival, BIJ Caldie travels west to the Glastenbury Festival where he learns about the spiritual significance the area has for some of the people attending the leatival and ns to the bands performing this yeer, from Ireland's Hothouse Flowers to Ladysmith Black Membezo from South Africa. (Ceefex) 7.15 All Crestaines Great and Small Enjoyable Yorkshire vet tales be the books by Jemes Herriot (r).

(Ceetex) 8.05 Bleckdoler thin Third: Dish and Distronesty. The Biackedoler sage continues, with as much marriment. as ever but a change of scene to Regency England where

E. Slackadder Esquire (Rowers Alleinson) has a position as confident to the wittess Prince Regent (Hugh Laurie) (r). (Cusfex)

B.35 Film: Heaven Can Wait (1978) starring Werren Beatty, Julie Christie, Dyan Cannon and James Meson. A re-make of the 1941 film Here Comes Mr Jardan, this is a gentle tantasy in which Beatty plays a footballer who is called to his maker before his time and is sent back to Earth in another man's body. Directed by Seatty and Buck Henry (Cester) 10.15 News with Martyn Lewis. Weather

10:30 Heart of the Matter: And Donor Makes Three: Joan Bekawell examines ethical and moral incles. Recont legislation has ruled that children conceived by artificial insemin have no rights to information about the sperm donor who is technically their biological fether. Could this arrangen work against the children's best interests? Northern Instanct: The Championship (Armegh v Donegal) 11,25-12,00 Heart of the Matter 11,05 The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd. A new American comedy set staming Blair Brown as a divorce

omblems 11.30 You and 92: You and Your Food and Drink. What affect will the introduction of a single European market in 1992 have on our diets? Northern Instand: 12.00 The Days and Nights of Motly Dodd 12.25am-1.00

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5.00 TV-em 8.00 TV-am Reports, includes Hezhir Temourian of The Times talking about the Middle East hostages. Reviewing the newspapers are Simon Jenkins, editor of The Times, and Bishop Jim Thompson

9.25 Disney Family Movie: Wild Jack (1988) staring John Schneider, Carol Huston and Mel Ferrer. An Alaskan wilderness guide, Big Jack McCell, finds his life changes completely when he becomes the incitee of a multi-million dollar publishing company. Directed

by Harry Harris 10.15 The Campbells. Dreme serial 10.45 Link. A profile of Peter Large, a veteran campaigner for the rights of the disabled

11.00 Morning Worship from the Keswick Convention in the Lake District 12.00 Heartland: Beggars in Paradise. A new series begins with a look at the work of Fr Chris Conway, an Irish Roman Catholic priest who works with the poor of the Peruvien Andes

12.30 The Care Bears, Chikton's animated series 12.55 LWT News and weather 1.00 Mews with Brends Rows. Weather 1.10 Out of Town. Rural traditions and

hobbles 1.40 Triathion from Portalerry where the contestants take part in a one kilometre swim, a 45km cycle and a 10km run

2.40 Airport '90. Nick Owen and Fem Britten make their penultimate report from Gatwick Airport 3.30 Film: Fanny by Gazelight (1944, b/w) starring Phyllis Calvert and James Meson. Lush romantic melochema. set in the 1870s, about an illagitimete

Anthony Asquith
5.30 The Royal Family in Scotland. What this summer in Scotland holds for the royal family

6.00 All Clued Up. Game show 6.30 Meners with Brende Rowe. Weather 8.35 LWT News and weather 6.40 Castle's In Europe. New series in which Roy Castie travels around Europe and visits places that have been vily influenced by Christianity. Today he is in Assissi

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girl who later becomes a servant at the home of her real father. Directed by

7.15 Jimmy's. A new series of programmes from St James's Hospital in eeds, Europe's biggest teaching

7.45 Airport 90. Nick Owen and Fren Britton with their lest live report from Galwick Arport on one of the busiest holiday weekends of the year 5.45 News with Floris Armstrong, Washer 9.00 LWT Weether

9.05 Yesterday's Dreams. Episode one of a three-pert romantic drama, first shown in six perts, about the re-Nincled love arbit between the once-repried Martin and Diane Deniels (Paul Freeman and Judy Loe), (r).

11.05 Red Empire: Revolutionaries.

 Making use of material which has only become available since glasnost, Red Empire is a week-by-week history of the Soviet Union told through archive film and eye-witness accounts, with periodic appearances from the dry and unsmiling historian, Dr Robert Conquest. The series starts in 1912 with a 99-year-old revolutionary recalling a strike in the Lena goldfields in Scheria and by the end of tonight's episode has reached the triumph of the October revolution. The project has



The last Russian tsar: Nicholas II (11.05pm)

the usual strengths and weaknesses of television history, in that it is strong on images and short on analysis (there is very little attempt to explain why the revolution happened) and has a structure that tends to be dictated by the availability of visual material. It will be interesting to see how far future episodes manage to avoid duolication with Thames Television's ample, and recently screened,

biography of Stalin 12.05em Golf. The Anheuser-Busch Classic from Willamsburg, Virginia 1.05 Film: Crossfire (1975) starring James Farentino and John Saxon. Runof the mill thriller about a Los Angeles police officer who is caught trying to steal a packet of heroin during a drugs raid. Directed by William

2.25 The ITV Chart Show (r) 3.25 Pick of the Week. The best from the

regions 3.55 American Documentary: All Things Bright and Beautiful, Documentary examining the conflict between seal ininiers and Newfoundland fishermer 5.00 ITN Morning News, Ends at 6.00

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BBC 2

6.35 Open University: Pure Maths — In Perspective 7.00 Periodicity and the Lithium Row 7.25 The Marriage of Figuro 7.50 A Matter of Geometry 8.15 Structural Components 8.40 The Romans in France 9.05 Materials in Action 9.30 Conflict: The Steel Strike 9.55 The Leathart Collection 10.20 Biology: Osmoregulation 10.45 Maths: Scalings and Powers 11.10 Stowe and Stantonbury 11.35 Science: Fires of Life

12.00 Westminster Week. Christopher Jones introduces highlights of the Parliamentary week. (Ceefax) Followed at 12.35 with a look at how Westminuter decisions will affect the regions. Wales: The Software Show; Northern Ireland: A Taste of Ireland 1.00 Open Advice. An Open University production about the importance of the

written word which, in turn, emphasises the importance of libraries
1.25 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to siteration): 1.30 and 6.00 Motor Racing: the Foster's British grand prix and the Esso British Formula 3 championships; 4.15 Rugby League; the third international between New Zealand and Great Britsin in Constchurch; and 5.30 Athletics: highlights of the Bislett Games from

6.30 One Man and His Dog. The long-running sheepdog compelition may be dismissed by true country people as a construction of television, just as to the experts The Good Old Days was a travesty of the music-hall, but its appeal to the rest of us is obvious. Here in contrast to our noisy, congested and polluted streets is a placid, unravaged countryside, socially harmonious and miles from the rat rans. The pace is gentle and unhurried and even if it rains, as it often



Eric Halsell (left) and Phil Drecce (5.30pm)

saems to, the landscape is aturning. It may all be a myth, as images of rural idytts usually are, but it is one that four million viewers have happily embraced for 14 years. During that period the formal hed hardly changed and nor han it needed to. Presented by Phil Drabble and Eric Halsall, two ruismal broadcasters happily unspoiled by years of televisi exposure, it is a simple contest between teams of dogs and hendlers practising an old country craft with deceptive skill. Tonight's heat comes from the Peak District of Derbyshire. 7.15 Rough Guide to the World. informative and snapply presented series aimed at the youth market, in

which Magenta de Vine, who weers sun

pleases even when there is no sun, and Senkha Guha explore four

continents. Tonight they visit Havene — renowned not only for Castro and Communism but also its hip-hop and

critical, praising Cuba's record on health care but refusing to ignore the poverty, housing shortages and food rationing. With an abundance of practical information for those who can write quickly enough to get it down 8.05 The Late Show, Series of repeated

highlights from the arts and media show Jeffrey Archer is cut down to size when his successful novel Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less is contained in six minutes. There is a look at Jill Pirrie's prize winning poetry classes and a chance to hair architectural critic Martin Pawley observe the cathedrals.

0.05 Ten Communication. The concluding drame in the series of Krzysztot Keislowski's impressive Commandments. Adopting a lighter tone than usual, tonight's film is a black cornecty about a rock singer and his older brother who have only one thing in common — poverty. Desperate for cash, they decide to sell their dead father's prized stamp collection after they discover it is worth a small fortune. In Polish with English subtities. 10.05 British Grand Prix. James Hunt and Murray Walker introduce highlights of today's 60-lep race from Silversione 10.50 Moviednome. Alex Cox introduces idrome. Alex Cox introduces

The Loved One (1985, b/w). Eccentric and only patchily successful black comedy, starring Rod Steiger and Robert Monse, based on Evelyn Waugh's satirical observations on the American way of death. A young English post has the unervisible task of arranging his uncle's funeral and soon enters the outrageous world of mortueries and cosmeticiens. Watch out for the wonderfully testel Liberace in one of this few film roles. Directed by Tony Richardson. (Ceefax) Enda et 12.55em

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Transworld Sport (r) 7.00 Loads More Muck and Magic (r). (Orable)
7.30 Once upon a Time...Life. Cartoon series featuring a journey through the human body 8.00 Early Bird 8.25 David the Gnorms 8.55 RATIONS 9.25 Movie Mahai. The first of two

programmes on Mohammed Rafi (r) 10.00 A Week in Politics with a report from Strasbourg on increasing the powers of the European Parliament 11.00 Go for ltf (r). (Oracle) 11.30 Elly and

Jooks. A new Australian charms serial for children 12.00 The Waltons 1.00 and of the Glants. Classic science 2.00 Film: The Man in Grey (1943, b/w)

starring Margaret Lockwood, James Meson and Phyllis Calvert. Lively, if clichéd, Regency melodrama directed by Leslie Artiss 3.45 Boomerang, Yugoslavian cartoon 3.55 Rebuillon of the Plous.

 Sir Dávid Steel tuma television presenter to chart the 300-year battle between church and state in Scotland. A fluent and polished anchormen, Sir Dovid him another career for the taking should be tire of politics. He is greatly assisted by George Rosle's script, which makes lucid sense of a complex theme. It is a story of hierarchy versus democracy, neatly illustrated on the two sides of the current Anglo-Scotlish border. In Coldstream candidates for minister submit themselves to the congregation which decides between them. In Northumberland the Anglican vicar is chosen by the local landowner. The film concentrates on the momentous



Sir David Steek builties of the church (3.55pm).

rebellion of 1943, when half the ministern of the established church miked out and formed Scotland's tree church. The Scottish unintocrate fought back by refusing to allow the rehats to build churches on their land. But the free church prevailed and it still does, as Mrs. Tratcher discovered on a famous visit two years ago 4.55 The Nat King Cole Show (b/w). With Norman Gruntz and Juzz at the

Philharmonic 5.25 News summery and weather 5.30 Tour de France. Stage 14 — Le Puy en Válay to Milleu, a distance of 208km 6.30 The Workler Years 7.00 The Energy Alternative: Changing the Way the World Works.

 No one can claim that television is not doing its bit to alert the nation to the great environmental perils of the day. On the contrary, the danger is boring people out of their minds. The opening episode of a three-part look at the "end-use" approach to energy covers much of the same ground as Jonathon Pornit in his BSC2 programme less than a forthight ago. There are the familiar points about

fossil fuels being too dirty and nuclear fuel too expensive, although this film is not as starry-eyed as Porritt about the potential of wind, wave and sun. The thrust of the series is that the real energy issue is about demand rather than supply. Instead of trying to produce more and more, we should be concentrating on how to use less and screed the available resources more fairly over the third world. The narrator is William Woollard, who after years of promoting the virtues of the car on Top Gear is now telling us about its evils.

8.00 Beyond the Groove. David Rappaport as a stard businessman on the road meeting Barry White, Klasses from the Kramlin and Hothouse 8.30 Film 4 Today: Nuts in May.

Delicious, sami-improvised comedy from Mike Leigh, first shown on the BBC in the 1970s. Kelth and Candice Marie Pratt were "green" long before it became fashionable and Keith considers himself an expert on rural life — and practically everything else. Roger Sioman and Alison Steadman play the cringingly awful Pratts. 10.10 Film: The Desperate Hours (1955,

b/w). Humphrey Bogart, Fredric March and Mortha Scott in a tense druma about a trio of escaped convicts who lake over a suburban house, keeping the family hostage. Directed by Wilbam Wyler. (Oracle) 12.15am Film: Touki-Bouki (1984) starring

Magaye Niang and Maren Niang. A surreal film recounting the dream in which a shepherd and a young girl hope to escape their mundane lives in Senegal and journey to Pans. With English subtitles. Directed by Djibril Membeti Diop. Ends at 1.50

FADIO 1

FM Storeo and MW 5.00mm Gary King 7.00 The Liz and Showthan Show 9.30 Dave Lee 12.30pm 30 Years of Number Ones 3.00 Philip Scholleld 5.00 Top 40 7.00 Clips from Collins: Highlights from the recent documentary The Corrolast Callins 7.30 Phil Collins Live from Barlin 10.00-2.00em Bob Hams on Sunday

RADIO 2

4.00am David Allan 6.00 Graham 4.00am Devid Alam 8.00 Graham
Kngrid 7.30 Den Macken says Good
Morrung Sunday 9.05 Melodies For You
11.00 Desmond Carmington with Radio 2 AliTime Greats 2.00pm Bermy Green
3.00 Alam Dell with Sounds Easy 4.00 BBC
Concert Orchestra Showcase (r) 4.30
Sing Something Simple 5.00 Charlie
Chaster 7.00 Breoles Autom's
Serenade 8.00 Sunday Hill-Hour 50th
Earthday 9.00 Alam Keath with Your
Funded Best Tunes 10.05 Radio 2 Arts
Programme 12.05am Robin Ray on
Record 1.00-4.00 Geoff Oxley with Night
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MW as above except, 1.45-7.00pm Sunday Sport Motor Racing — Foster's Entish Formula 1 Grand Prix, Cricket — Refuge Assurance Lengue

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 6.00am World News 6.09 24 Hours 6.90 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Jazz for the Aslang 8.00 World News 8.0924 Hours; News Summary and Financia News 8.30 From Our Own Correspondent 8.45 Book Choice 9.00 World News 9.05 News 8.30 From Our Own Correspondent 8.45 Book Cnoice 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Music for a Whale with Richard Baker 10.00 World News 10.09 Review of the British Press 10.15 Journey to the Centre of the Earth 10.30 Firsancial Review 10.40 Book Choice 10.45 Short Story: The Dend from the Deep 11.07 Soence on Action 11.30 Mids Magazine 11.59 Travel News 12.00 World News 12.09 m News about British 12.15 From Otr Own Correspondent 12.30 The Ken Bruce Show 1.01 Play of the Week: The Elephrant Man 2.00 News and 24 Hours on Sunday 2.45 Sports Roundup 3.00 News Summary 3.01 The Other Sole 4.00 Newsred 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Nachrichten 4.40 German Features 5.00 World News 5.09 News About British 15.80 English 5.30 Londres Sor 6.15 Cub 648 6.30 Nachrichten 6.40 German Features 7.54 Nachrichten B.00 Play of the Week: The Elephrant Man 9.00 World News 9.09 Personal View 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Brain of British 1990 10.01 Sports Roundup 10.15 Music for a White with Richard Baker 11.00 Newshour 12.00 World News 12.05 m Words of Faith 12 10 Book Choice 12.15 Letter From America 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 In Press of God 2.01 And Justice for All 2.45 Singers at Work 3.00 World News 3.05 Review of the British Press 3.15 Newsred 3.30 Scence in Action 4.00 World News 3.05 Review of the British Press 3.15 Newsred 6.00 Morgermagazin 5.36 News in German 5.47 Press Review 5.52 The Week on 648 5.56 Morgermagazin 5.35 News in German 5.47 Press Review 5.52 The Week on 648 5.56

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ter Surrey v Maddiesex, from The Oval (MB: The following programmes may be subject to late changes) 6.00 Femily Ties 6.30 The Scoret Video Show 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 The Chisholms. Part one of a three-part minisenes. Wagons roll in this American pioneering story set in the 1840s. Starring Robert Preston, Rosemary Hams and Brian Keith 11.00 Sky World News Tonight 11.30 Enterfainment this Week 12.30am Pages from Skylaxi

SKY NEWS

News on the hour 5.30 Best of the Frank Bough Interview 9.30 Entertainment this Week 10.30 Planet Earth 11.30 Cur World 12.30pm Those Were the Days 1.30 The Reporters 2.30 The Lords 3.30 Our World 4.30 Planet Earth 5.30 Those Were the Days 6.30 Entertainment This Week 7.30 The Reporters 8.30 Cops 9.30 Those Were the Days 10.30 The Reporters 11.30 Cops 12.30am Those Were the Days 1.30

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7.30 Novin 7.35 Music, Myth and Legend: Four programmes which examine now composers have been inspired by neture, the

8.35 Your Concert Choice: Mozart soprano, Ann Murray, contrailo, Rogers Covey-Crump, tenor, David Wilson-Johnson, bass); Mendelssoh

11.15 BBC Weish SO under Mariss
Jansons performs Sibelius
(Symphony No 2 in D);
Debussy (Prélude à l'aprèsmidi d'un faune); Ravel
(Alborada del gracoso;
Dephris et Chioé, Suite No 2)
12.40pm Altred Brandel: The pianist
nlavs Havdn (Sonsta in G

elements and their mythologies. Part 2: Zephyr Breezes. Debussy (Nusges. from Noctumes: Philharmonia from Nocrumes: Primammins under Nichael Trison Thomas); Monteverdi (Zefiro toma from claconna: Hugues Cuenod and Paul Omerne, tenona under Nadis Boulanger, continuo); Debussy (Le Ventidael is Jeigne: Ce qu'à vii le dans is Jeigne: Ce qu'à vii le dans la plame; Ce qu'a vu le vent d'ouest: Cecile Ousset, plano), Jean-Fery Rebel (Ballet, Les Elémens: Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood)

ipm Afred Brandel: The plantst plays Haydn (Soneta in G minor. H XVI 44); Besthoven (Vanations on Rule, Britannis; Vanations on Nel cor più non mi sento from Pasiello's La molinara); Haydn (Sonate in C minor, H XVI 20)

Cops 2.30 The Reporters 3.30 Best of the FBI 4.30 Those Were the Days

SKY WOVIES

From 8.00am The Shopping Channel 2.00pm Home Front (1987): An aspiring political candidate thinks has chances would

be improved if he presented a happy family front, so he recalls his son from boarding

storm, so no recess his son from boarding school. However, the son has other ideas. Starring Jon Cryer, Lynn Redgreve and Nicholas Pryor 4.00 Techno-Police: Animaled adventions:

for cristine.

6.00 Moonwellter (1989): Michael Jackson stars in this lankary adventure as he tries to reacue his friends from the clutches of Mr. Big. Features many of his biggest hits. Certairs from Poemi

sars Joe Peaci 7.40 Projector 8.00 tiegally Yours (1988): Comedy, star-ing Rob Lowe as a sure who becomes an amateur sleuth in order to clear the name of

amaleur securing woman accused of murder in his assured ingl. Co-stars Colleen Camp 10.00 The Bounty (1984): Anthrony Hopkius and Mel Goson star in this reteiling of the largous mutany at sea, yarn. Co-stars

farnous mutany at see years. Co-stars Laurence Clivier, Edward Fox and Damel

Day Lews 12.15am Knights of the City: To criter a local talent competition, a street gang meal

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(Varrations concertantes:
Richard Lester, cello, Susan
Tomes, piano); Chopin
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Berlin PO under Kubelik);
Schubert (Three Songs:
Robert White, tenor, Graham
Johnson, piano); Boccherim
(Sympthony in D from Della
casa del disvolo: Cantilena
under Adrian Shepherd)

10.30 Music Weekly: Michael Oliver
looks at the national criteria
for a GCSE in music and asks

for a GCSE in music and asks what is being achieved in music education today 11.15 BBC Welsh SO under Mariss

PADIO 3 1.45 Italian Baroous Sacred Music: Holman, chember organ, perform Monteverdi (O quam pulchra end Laudale Dominum), with vocal and Dominum), war vocal and insurmental music by Giovanni Legrenzi, Giuseppe Pitori and Giovanni Capello (r) 2.25 Mendelssofin (Symphony No 4 in A from Italian: BBC Symphony Orchestra under Ess-Palula Salonem)

2.55 Alfred Schmillike: Firm Amp Schmitzer Prize programme. Moscow Soloists, with Getard MicBurney. Tatyans Gridenko and Gidon Kremer, violans, Yuri Bashmet, viola, perform Shostakovich (Pretude and Scherzo, Op 11); Schoetke (Canarata amesa) Mo (Preside and Softer2, Op 11), Schnettike (Concerto grosso No 1, 1977; Monologue for viola and strings); Schubert, arr Mahler (Death and the Meiden, D810, for string orchestra) 4.50 Maurice Cole: The plenist

plays Bach (Goldberg Veriations), recorded in 1972 at a recital marking the filthelib arniversary of his first broadcast 6.15 A Different Road to

Excellence? Last month, Sir Yehudi Menuhin's 45-year dream, to bring togather pupils from his own music school and the Moscow school and the Mosecy Central School of Music, matenaised. Five Soviet teenagers gave a performance in England, enabling some of the mystery surrounding Soviet specialist training to be

7.00 Resurrection: Capella Nova; Resurrection: Capella Nova; Scottish Chamber Orchestra under Alan Tavener performs a recording of the world premiere of John Tavener's setting of the Passion, composed in response to a commission celebrating Glasgow, European City of Cutturn. The work is in several participants of the properties. sections, each one representing a day of Holy

9.50 German Pieno Music: The panist Kathryn Stoft performs Mozart (Adegio in 8 minor, K 540); Brahms (Four Pieces, Op 119); Berg (Sonata, Op 1) (r) 10.30 The Retuge of the Guru: The brothers Sardar Ditag Singh and Sarder Gulbeg Singh and Sarder Gulbeg Singh sing texts from the Guru Gramh Sehib and the Sikh scriptures in the Pittala tradition 11.30 Grieg (Cello Sonata in A minor, Op 36: Antonio Lysy, cello, Simon Parkin, pieno) (r) 12.00 News 9.50 German Pierro Music: The

1.45 Death of a Society (1985): Based on a true story, a string of apparently motivalent martiers in Melbourne during the accord world war puls a strain on US-Australam melbours when the later is found to be a

mentally retarded GL Starring James

A00 Spring Fever (1983): Two young love's players mest learn to become mende if they are to play to their full potential. Starting Science Anton, Jessies Water and Caring Beasel. Ends 6.35

EUROSPORT

8.00am As Sky One 9.00 Eurobecs 9.20 Motor Racing 10.00 Athletics 11.00 Termis: Swiss Open 12.30pm Eurosport Live: Motor Racing — The Formula One Grand Prix of Great Britain from Silverstone; Tenne — Swiss Open; Cycling — Tour de France 6.00 Athletics: A documentary about the low-mayte mile 7.001 Athletics 9.00 Termis: Swiss Open. Men's Franci 11.00 Motor

Swess Open, Men's Final 11.00 Motor Racing: Formula One Grand Print of Great Britain from Salvertions

SCREENSPORT

5.00am Polo 7.00 Major League Basebell 9,00 Golf 11.00 Motor Sport 1.00pm Solling 1.30 Bowling S.00 Motor Sport 4.00 Motor Sport 5.00 Powersports istriphatemal 6.00

SADIO 4

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Sunday Papers
7.15 On Your Farm: Oliver Welston talks to Uister's Earnorm tasks to Uster's Europa Currencyters about his special milk-buying system 7.40 Sumday, and 7.55 Weather 8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers 8.50 Appeal by Damel Day Lews on behalf of the Bobath Contravelock offers recipil

Centre which offers special treatment to children with cerebral palsy 8.55 Weather 9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers 9.15 Letter from America by Alisala (Centre (c)) Cooke (r) 9.30 Morning Service from North Share Methodist Church

Shore Addresses Church,
Blackgool (s)
10.15 The Archem connibus edition
11.15 News Stand: Hugh PrysorJones reviews the penodicale
11.30 Pick of the Week (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue
Lawkey with Jean Rook (s)
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2.00 Gardeners' Question Time
from Hempshire

2.30 The Beby Buggy: One of the
winning plays in the 1999
Glies Cooper Awards, written
by Elizabeth Beines. As ahe
invaris her first baby at 40,
Di's battered old baby buggy
hecomes a symbol of her

Di's battered old baby buggy becomes a symbol of her hopes and fears (s)

3.15 Norfolk Mem: By talking to the people who live and work in Norfolk, John Timpson presents a portrait of the county. Part 2: David Hotmes, director of the How Hill Trust, the official field study centre for the Norfolk Broads (s) (r)

3.30 The Radio Programme with Laurie Taylor

Laurie Taylor
4.00 News, Mrs Theicher's
Enlightenment: Before getting too excit at the thought that James Naughtie's encounter with the prime minister might disclose intimations of a change of geer, if not an actual U-turn, in gear, in not are access or from in policy-making, you should note the programme's sub-little. Two Hundred Years of Adem Smith. There is talk of a U-turn, however, in this leature geared to the Scots economies' so bicentenery.

Motor Sport 7.30 Gall 10.00 Mater Sport 11.00 Tempor Bowling

LIFESTYLE

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BSB: THE MOVIE CHANNEL

• All Mins are followed by News and

12.00 The Perfect Furlough (1958): Tony Curts stars with Janel Leigh in this committee comedy about a solder stationed in the

the mas a trip to Pous

Arctic who turns a trip to Peers 2.20pm Plannism Lady (1944, b)w): Starting Franchot Tone and Els Reines. A successful businessmen is framed for the murder of his wife. A mystericus women he met in a bir on the right of the murder is the only peerson who can prove his innocence 4.00 Supermen IV (1997): Starring Christicalum Blanch Superment waters to rid the world.

Premiy-four hours of rock and pop

enlightened Mrs Thatcher, it emignitished hirs firstcher, it was one of the biggest U-turns in history, and it was the 1970-1974 Tory government who performed it. If they had stuck to Smith's directions, she argues, they wouldn't lave lost the 1974 election (Street) independent (f)

trave lost the 1974 election
4.47 Going Underground (r)
5.00 News; Down the River; Crit
Morgan completes his journey
along the River Tweed
5.40 To the Back of Not Very Far
Avery; Part 3: Beauty and the
Beast. Anton Rodgest reads
10 come; tales of Sattes Me
on the road 5.50 Shipping
Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News

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6.30 Europhile: Max Eastermen will the topical magazine obvering European issues (r)
7.00 Cat's Tails: Julie Mayer continues her exploration of me River Thurnes
7.30 A Good Head: Nicholas Gartand and time Ratushinskeys choose four paperbacks (r)
8.00 Puniters (new series): An opportunity for listeners to report on life's problems, injustices and quirks (r)
8.40 Reading Aloud (new series): The First Ascent of the Matterhom, by Edward Whymper, read by Richard Pesco

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9.00 News; Enquire Within (r)
9.15 The Natural History
Programme (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 News 10.15 With Great Pleasure: Jeron Issues chooses his brough

poetry and prose (s) (r) 11.00 in Committee: A weekly report on the work of Perlament's 11.50 Seeds of Faith: The Madi-Coloured Clouk of God. Sue Talbot explores how the officernt cultures of the Christian faith can be united.

Final programme (s) 12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Foremant FM as LW except: 7.00-8.00am Open University: 7.00 Modum Art: The La Rache Collection 7.20 Social Sciences: Graper of Magazine 7.40 Sermons — The Oral Tradition 1.55-2.00 Programme News 5.50-5.55 Programme News

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al more unauspecting teenagers. Starring Cospin Glover and Kimberly Beck. Ends

GALAXY

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What's more, says the Smith-FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FN497.6498.8. (London area FM-104.8.) Radio 2: 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.444.6. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM-97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GL.R: 1458kHz/206m; FM-94.9; World Service: MW-648kHz/463m.

TTY VARIATIONS

ANCELIA

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GRANADA

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6.30 Doctor Who — From the Start 5.00 Doctor Down Under 6.30 The Best of Steptoe and Son 7.00 The from Horse 8.00 Fred Astalre Sesson: The Band Wagon 10.10 The Burns and Allen Show 10.40 The Cottee In 13.40 Editor Tompro Outer Limits 11.40 Film: Tomorrow

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

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12.00 Living New 12.30pm Go for Green 1.00 The Countryside Show 2.00 Documen-tery: Gulbenklan 3.15 Sunday Matines: Romeo and Juliet/Berlioz 5.00 Second House: Spertagus 7.30 Bravel 8.00 Sunday Opera: Don Gibrored 10.00 Front of House

THE POWER STATION

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Wonder Years 5.30 Tour de France 6.50 How to Hunt a Marrenoth 8.45 San Steffan 7.05 O Bedwar Ban 7.20 Newyddion 7.30 Canwin Molannerin 8.00 Hell Strason 8.35 Promis Cymru 90 9.25 Y Duw Byw 8.30 Arch Rivals 10.00 The Gravy Train 11.00 Behind the Vell 12.15em Felm. Touks-Bouki 1.50

Starts: 10.25am Beets of the Heart 11.15 Beyond 2000 12.00 Mass 12.45 The Dragon Has Two Tongues 1,10 Little House on the Prairie 1,55 News (glowed by Room Outside 2.30 Tour de France 4.10 Film: Back to God's Country 5.40 News 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Floging in hirise 6.30 Goolly in How to Dence 6.40 Waitz Through the Hills 7.10 Munder, She Wrote 8.00 Chal-worth 9.00 News 9.30 Big Country 10.10 Film: The Formula 12.15 in Mews

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4,000 Albanians get first taste of Western freedom

Albanian refugees arrived at the south Italian port of Brindisi yesterday after an overnight journey across the Adriatic Sea. They had been camped out in Tirana's Western embassies for two weeks, having rushed the gates and jumped the walls in an effort to leave Europe's last Stalinist

About 2,000 of the refugees had been in the West German embassy. They left Brindisi docks on three medically equipped relief trains bound for West Germany.

Meanwhile, the Malteseflagged Orient Star, with about 1,000 refugees from the ern German embassy. French embassy, was steaming directly for the French Mediterranean port of Marseilles. A group of 29 Alba-nians who had taken refuge in of food. Some said they had

FOUR thousand bewildered the Greek embassy flew into been political prisoners, but Athens from Brindisi yes-terday. Antonis Samaras, the foreign minister, welcomed them at the airport, and said Greece would do its utmost to

> an Italian Red Cross nurse, and the child's beaming mother. Italian soldiers and Red Cross workers greeted the refugees with hot tea, warm milk and cakes. "I don't know well why I left. Please, ask me later," said Agron Qelibari, aged 30, a car mechanic, who climbed the wall of the West-

Gorbachev scorn as mayors quit

yesterday that he felt con- members of the radical Demotempt for communists who broke away from the party this week as the radical mayors of the country's two major cities announced they were joining

As the party's 28th congress told the American CBS television network in a Kremlin (the party) now and seek resignations, said he had exrefuge elsewhere, I view with pected Mr Yeltsin's ancontempt. There's no question. I am not veering from my course and I have many supporters."

Mr Gorbachev was speak-Mr Gorbachev was speak-ing during the final hours of a Defence Minister yestesday marathon congress in which his defeat of the conservatives was underscored by the withdrawal from the political stage of hard-line champion Yegor Ligachev. The departure of the mayors - Moscow's Gavrill Popov and Anatoly Sobchak of Leningrad - came after the withdrawal from the party on Thursday by Boris

First off the ship at Brindisi were a newborn baby, held by

Few had any baggage, and a number were shoeless and shirtless. They queued eagerly for new clothes and packages

PRESIDENT Gorbachev sald Yeltsin and a walkout by

cratic Platform (DP).

Although the move, announced by the DP leader Vyacheslav Shostakovsky, was a clear sign of the crum bling of the once monolithic party, it also brought a split in voted for a new Central the platform itself with dozens Committee, Mr Gorbackev of its congress delegates refus-

ing to leave.
Mr Gorbachev, in his first interview: "Those who leave public comment on the nouncement and was not personally worried by his departure. "But I regret it politically," he added.

announced the appointment of Colonel-General Nikolai Shlyaga, a hardline proponent of communist control of the military, as political chief of the armed forces, taking over from General Alexei Lizichev, aged 63, who is retiring.

Gorbachev outflanked, page 8 Leading article, page 13

most appeared to want to leave because they could no longer stand living in a country they called a prison camp.

Paride Derani, aged 65, left provide "the welfare and care to escape the country's "tyr-which they need". to escape the country's "tyr-annous" regime. He said he spent 28 years in prison and was regularly tortured. He said that for seven months he ate only a slice of bread a day. Gerta, a 23-year-old factory

hand, said only Communist party members and the Sigurimi secret police lived well. "They eat much meat, they earn much money and they hit us." Of her plans, she said: "First I want to make a holiday on a beach.

Some refugees appeared to have had their heads shaved recently, a punishment re-served for prisoners, but it was impossible to tell whether they included common-law criminals. Doctors tending to the first arrivals said they saw no signs of a large number of criminals or criminally insane among the refugees.
On the whole, they said, the

refugees were in surprisingly good shape. "Many of the children were vomiting and suffered from diarrhoea and were dehydrated from the stay in the embassies," Dr Paolo Miano said. "The main problem is that they are hungry."
While their general health was good, "their hygiene is very bad", he said.

At least 17 refugees were taken to hospital in Brindisi, and Dr Domenico Profico, said many had twisted ankles and broken bones from climbing over walls into the

Refugees interviewed could not confirm that there had been scuffles in the Albanian port of Durres, from where they sailed, as more people tried to join the exodus. They said the 21-mile route from Tirana to Durres was lined with armed soldiers and policemen, and an armed policeman was on each bus. Several said they thought

that no members of the Sigurimi, Albania's dreaded secret police, were among them. "They all jumped back over the embassy wall," said one young woman, who asked



High summer: a young man sunbathing on the steps of Nelson's column in London's Trafaiger Square yesterday

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Britain heads for hot, dry weekend

BY ALAN HAMILTON

HOT weather brought chaos for motorists yesterday with roads being closed as tar-macadam was melted by the heat which soared into the

The A34 in Hampshire, the main holiday route between the South Coast and the Midlands, had to be closed between Winchester and New bury after the melting road surface made driving impos-

Hot, dry weather for most of the country over the weekend was forecast yesterday by the London Weather Centre, and traffic jams to popular sea resorts by the motoring organ-isations. The balmy conditions enjoyed by southern districts during the past two days are expected to spread to Scotland and Northern Ireland, although eastern coasts are likely to remain cool.

Yesterday's temperatures in the south failed to reach those of Thursday, when 29,20 (85 F) was recorded in Cardiff. South Wales and the Severn area were, none the less among the warmest places with 29C (84F) recorded a Ross-on-Wye. In much of Scotland the weather remained disappointingly cool with Edinburgh recor only 14C (57F), and Shedand struggling to reach 13C (55F). about average for the time of year in the northern isles.

The past two days ha port touched 34.2C (93F).

But the warm spell is plear ng farmers in most areas, with haymaking under way and winter barley harvesting ten days early in the south. Some reported a heavy crop o unusually large potatoes, lead-ing to fears of low prices. Firemen in Northampton-

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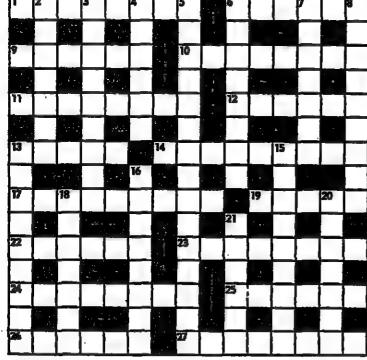
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shire are answering dozens of because alaims are being set off by an invasion of thunder

one for the brigade said that at least 50 per cent of call outs over the past two days had been to faulty alarms being set off by the insects, which shelter in smoke alarms during hearwayes and set them off.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18.346



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9 A scale of quantity (6). 10 Instrument for administering justice? (8). 11 Insult my claim of competence

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13 Poor Tom gets head of BBC to appear in The Listener (5). 14 Paris is so devastated by eruptions (9).

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22 Curious round nut (6). 23 Hero is in pain, with stomach

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spent down here (8). Solution to Puzzle No 18,345

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The winners of last Saturday's competition are: F A Fforde, Brindle House, Cowlinge, Newmarket, Sussex: R Jukes, Perton Grove, Wightwick, Wolverhampton: M Mellor, Park Lanc, Mucclesfield, Cheshire: J G Tulloch, Tyler Hill House, Tyler Hill, Canterbury, Kent; J S McEwen, Orchard House, Pullar Avenue, Bridge of Allan, Scotland Avenue, Bridge of Allan, Scotland.

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have another fine, sunny and very warm day. Central and northern Scotland will be cloudy at first becoming brighter with sunny spells. Orkney and Shetland, with eastern coastal areas of England and Scotland could have patchy cloud, aithough there will be some MOLTHELD TLA have a dry and warmer day. Outlook: Sunny and very warm, some thundery rain spreading from the west on Monday.

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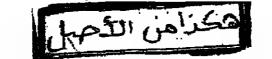
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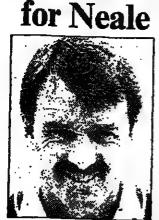
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PHIL Neale (above) leads Worcestershire into the Benson & Hedges Cup final against Lancashire at Lord's today hoping to steer them to their first victory in a knockout competition and to complete the first leg of a double, having also reached the NatWest Trophy quarter-

RACING

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Stoute effort

HELLENIC leads a fourstrong English challenge for the Kildangan Stud Irish Oaks at the Curragh this afternoon. The trainer, Michael Stoute. and the jockey, Walter Swinburn, will be attempting to maintain the outstanding form of English stables, who have won each of the three classics run in Ireland this

ATHLETICS

Dream chance



THE Dream Mile in Oslo tonight could be one of the classics of the athletics season with Peter Elliott (above), the Commonwealth Games 800m mpion matched Abdi Bile, of Somalia, Jens Peter Herold, of East Germany, and Wilfred Kirochi, of Kenya. In the absence of the injured Steve Cram, Elliott may prove he is the best in BritainPage 33

CYCLING

Pack leaders

AFTER a week in which the leader's yellow jersey has changed hands three times, the Tour de France goes into its final, testing seven days with Claudio Chiappucci, of Italy, just ahead of Ronan Pensec, of France, Erik Breukink, of The Netherlands, ... Page 33

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Star of India

As the Indians prepare for their internationals against England. The Times looks at the career of a player who was born in one country but played for the other. Ranjitsinhji, or Ranji, spar-kled on the pitch for England but a new biography reveals that, off the field, the Indian prince was not quite so enchanting Page 36

GOLF

Geddes ahead



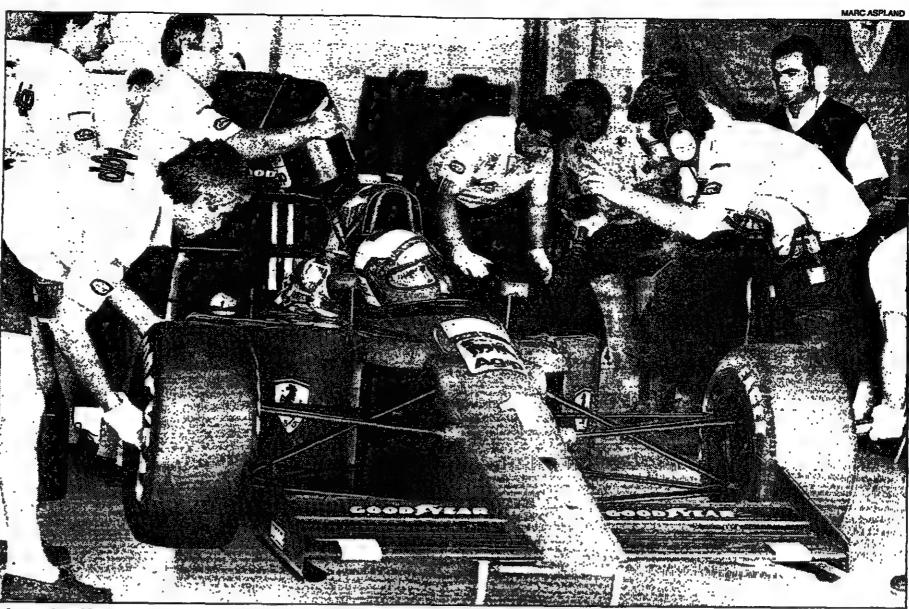
JANE Geddes (above) was joint-leader after the first round of the US Women's Open Golf Championship in Georgia. Like Patty Sheehan, she scored 66, six better than Pam Wright, the best of the British Page 31

YACHTS

Wind change

WHAT are the attractions of wind power against engine power? Harry and Pat Dodd's business is selling powerboats but their pleasure is sailing the Ferrari of yachts Page 39

McLarens ahead, pursued by a fury called Mansell



A last word word in the ear of the first lord of the ring: Prest snug in the cockpit of the No. 1 Ferrari while his team pats the finishing touches to his machine at Silverstone

By JOHN BLUNSDEN

AYRTON Senna and Gerhard Berger have won the first round in the battle for supremacy in tomorrow's Foster British Grand Prix. Their Mariboro McLaren-Hondas occupy the first two places on the Silverstone starting grid, with the Ferrari of a furious Nigel Mansell their closest challenger in third

Mansell's anger stemmed from the fact that, despite running his car with less wing to improve its speed down the straight, it is still slower than Alain Prost's. The inference is that for the second weekend in a row his engine is not performing as it should.

Mansell had blunt words for Ferrari's senior staff afterwards. then roared off on his scooter. refusing to comment further. One can only hope for all concerned in the Ferrari pit that extra horsepower will be found for him over

But Prost is even worse off after the first hour of qualifying. He occupies only sixth place behind LEADING PRACTICE TIMES

the Canon Williams-Renaults of Riccardo Patrese, for whom to-morrow's race will be his 200th Grand Prix, and Thierry Boutsen, who celebrated his 33rd birthday yesterday after claiming fifth

Senna, whose low-key comments after qualifying was over mirrored the seemingly unflurried progress which resulted in the day's fastest lap (the Ferrari drivers were having to use much

more of the curves and run-off

areas) said: "I am satisfied with

my performance today and that of

the car.'

Berger's ability almost to match Senna's time after aborting the first of his two qualifying runs underlined the progress which McLaren have made in achieving a good chassis balance for their cars since the recent tyre tests

Balance is still the clusive

ingredient which is hampering the efforts of the Camel-Lotus drivers, Derek Warwick and Martin Donnelly, to work their way up the starting grid. Warwick occupies fourteenth place and Donnelly, whose fastest run was hampered by traffic. is three places further down the list. In contrast, the Larrousse team's Lolas, which use similar Lamborghini engines to those of Lotus, are well placed in eighth and ninth positions, which puts them ahead of the Benetton-Fords of Nelson Piquet and

However, Piquet and Nannini expect to be much more competitive in the race. Only two of the latest series-four versions of the Ford V8 engine are available for them this weekend and they are not due to be fitted until after qualifying this evening. The en-gine's designer, Geoff Goddard, commented: "Rather than be half a second a lap quicker in qualifying, we would prefer to be half a minute quicker in the race . . . that could make a lot of difference."

Another driver who is optimistic about his chances in the race is Jean Alesi, whose Tyrrell-Ford is lying seventh. "The car is really well balanced and we did a very encouraging run with full tanks this morning." Alesi said. "I think we have a good race tyre and I believe we may be able to give a big surprise this weekend." Although Alesi's name persists in being linked with Williams next season, such rumours have so far done nothing to remove the everpresent smile from Ken Tyrrell's

The hot track conditions and the direction of a blustery wind. which faced the cars as they accelerated past the pits, slowed the track slightly yesterday, but such is the heat of the battle being waged for grid positions at or near the front that times can be expected to tumble again during final qualifying this afternoon.

Senna's quickest lap yesterday afternoon was impresive for its coolly controlled aggression.

test this morning, along with Martin Weston, who is recovering from a rib injury.

Lancashire will make a late

fitness. He may replace Graham Dilley, whose chronic knee condition is again threatening his career. Dilley will have a finness

decision about Graeme Fowler, who has a back strain, and Paul Allott, who has damaged a calf.

England seen by 25m on TV

MORE than 25 million people watched the England-West Germany World Cup semi-final, the biggest British television audience

Figures released yesterday by the British Audience Research Board showed that 25.2 million people, almost half the population, watched the match on Wednesday, July 4; West Germany won in a penalty shoot-out. The BBC audience was 16.69 million, and a further 8.25 million saw it on ITV.

The World Cup organising committee in Rome announced this week that the total audience over the four weeks of the tournament was 31 billion; it claimed that half the population of the world had, at one time or another, watched the World Cup.

A BBC spokesman said that eight of the nine biggest audience figures for the World Cup were on the BBC. The BBC and ITV alternated the matches in the preliminary rounds of the competition but they showed the same England matches in the later

Jonathan Martin, BBC head of sport, said: "The World Cup gave a boost to football and the 2-1 margin in head to head with ITV is a tremendous result for the BBC World Cup team." He said that the high viewing figures were complete justification for the programming, which had been criticised for its duplication with

The leading viewing figures for the World Cup were: 1, England v West Germany, BBC 16.9 million, ITV 8.52m,

total 25.2m. 2, England v Cameroon, BBC

15.7m, ITV 8m, total 23.7m. 3, West Germany v Argentina, BBC 13.1m, ITV 6.35m, total 19.45m.

4. England v Italy, BBC 12.5m, ITV 6.72m, total 19.22m. 5. Italy v Argentina, BBC 11.93m, ITV 6m, total 17.93m. 6. England v Republic of Ire-

land, ITV exclusive, 16m. 7. England v Egypt, BBC exclu-

8, England v Netherlands, BBC exclusive, 13.4m. 9, England v Belgium, ITV

exclusive, 13.3m.
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Netherlands, ITV exclusive,

The best viewing figure for a sports programme in 1989 was just over 16 million for a recording on BBC of the Mike Tyson-Frank Bruno world heavyweight boxing championship, which had been shown live on Sky television. The highest figure from the last World Cup, in 1986, was slightly more than 15 million who saw England's quarter-final game against Argentina.

The BBC said yesterday that the controversial televising of advertising logos painted on the playing area of a sports event — such as at the NatWest Trophy cricket match at Taunton on Wednesday - could be repeated. The Taunton broadcast was the first time advertising on the actual Preview, page 30 | playing area at a British event had been televised.

Sporting artists in the picture

his column has always celebrated the renaissance persons of sport: in particular, those who combine sporting and artistic talents. Albert Camus, goalkeeper, remains a particular hero of this space, as does Vladimir Nabokov ("I was less the keeper of a soccer goal than the keeper of a secret ...").

Now I hear that there is an

international competition for painters and sculptors who are also sportsmen. It is to be held in Spain under the title Illa Biennal Esportistes en l'Art. I have been racking my brain and my contacts in the art world for examples of those who have combined sport with drawing, painting and

sculpting.
Jack Russell, the England wicketkeeper, sketches charmingly, Jean-Pierre Rives, the former French rugby captain, sculpts. Sir Alfred Munnings was a groom before he was a painter and was always a ferocious hunter. But the best example I can find is George Bellows, an American social realist straight out of that country's tradition of the hairy-chested artist. Bellows lived between 1882 and 1925 and played basketball and baseball professionally. A great physical verve and attack is said to have characterised his best

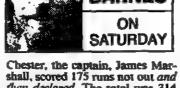
If anyone can think of any other examples, please tell me about them. If any one is an example and wishes to enter the competition, get in touch with the British Olympic Association on 081 871 2677 and do so quickly, because the closing date is July 31.

Five-star Marshall

The most important thing in sport is not, of course, achievement and victory and all that sort of thing. It is the Grand Gesture, in particular, the grand gesture of self-sacrifice. We Brits (and no one else) understand that the hero of the Antarctic was

not Amunsden but Captain Oates. They learn these things early at Kingsmead School, Wirral. In their recent under-13 match against Abbeygate College, of

SIMON BARNES



then declared. The total was 314 for four. He had hit nine sixes and 23 fours in 75 minutes - all the more admirable since much of this time was spent by fielders clambering into neighbouring

Marshall thus deprived himself of what might be his only chance in life for a double hundred. The opposition vanished in the space of 14 overs for a total of 21, with nine batsmen scoring ducks. Marshall could have bagged his 200 and still won...but that is not the

Too rude to be good

ne of the odder phenomena of modern sport is the fanzine. These are mags produced by the cheapest means, normally put together by the younger, more restless and ruder sort of sports enthusiast. They indicate, more than anything else. the hold that sport has on their followers. They are a symptom of rude health.

I have been sent an issue of cricket's fauzine, which is called Johnny Miller 96 Not Out. There is no point in having a fanzine if you can't give it a silly title, after all. They have produced a special issue for today's Benson and Hedges Cup final at Lord's and include an investigation into ticket allocations.

"The players like the magazine when it takes the mickey out of their friends," the magazine's chairman. Billy Cotton, said. "But when it mentions them, they hate it." It has, however, inevitably been banned from Lord's; also from Essex. Kent and Yorkshire. The 13 remaining first-class counties stock it. as does Sportspages bookshop in London. Why ban the damn thing? It is basically well disposed towards the cricket, after all. But cricket, more than any other sport, suffers from knee-jerk

A lot of argy-bargy The World Cup (remember

that?) has stirred up all kinds of political angst in Bangladesh. Two opposition MPs have raised their voices in anger at the refereeing in the final. "Injustice was done to Argentina and we are all shocked at the attitude of the referee," the opposition leader, Abdur Rab, said. Shajahan Siraj added: "A murderer can be pardoned but not the referee who acted as one of the West German players." The prime minister, Kazi Zafar Ahmed, said he respected these sentiments but "it will not be wise to take a resolution condemning the

• The World Cup final was pre-ceded by a match between the football writers of Argentina and those of West Germany. Argentina won 5-0 . . . and had a man sent

Spot-on readers

he vexed issue of penalty shoot-outs at the World Cup has provoked the biggest correspondence to this newspaper on a sporting issue since that memorable match between M. W. Gatting and Shakoor Rana.

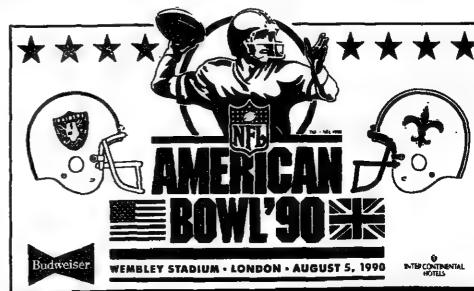
The results are that 24 per cent of readers favour a reduction in the number of players per team in extra time, some stipulating that goalkeepers should be withdrawn; 15 per cent say the goals should be bigger, 13 per cent say the game should go to the side committing fewer fouls; 11 per cent say that there should be no offside, or at least a radical redrafting of that vexatious rule; nine per cent say the shoot-out should take place before the match, or better still instead of the match, not bothering with the irrelevant stuff like football; another nine per cent favour sudden death; five per cent say the decision should go with the scorer of the first goal in the match; another five per cent suppest a points system, as in boxing.

A few rugged individualists had other notions; how about a spitting contest, one reader asked. Another suggested a simple cointoss; yet another that the decision should be based on the quality of

Radford ready to bowl

NEIL Radford the Worcestershire seam bowler, is preparing to defy the effects of an injury-absence of six weeks playing in today's Beason & Hedges Cup final against Lancashire, the county that released him in 1984 (Alan Lee writes). Radford has not played since the end of May, when he underwent an abdominal op-

He is such a vital part of the Worcestershire side that they are likely to gamble on his match



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Traditional values must be Fifa's goal

"IT WAS the best of times, it was the worst of times." And in the teams, and short of the great end it was a tale of two countries. Argentina and West Germany contested a World Cup final that I wish we could all forget. In their different ways, both finalists defied the proper spirit and purpose of the game. Many feel that their peculiar passage to the final, through the OK Corral of penalties, also defied that spirit and purpose. For four weeks Italia '90 gave

me some of the sweet drama and passion and sadness of sport. It also gave me the down side; and, maybe, those down reflections will be the enduring ones, because they were predominant in that awful

The tournament did not make history. It was long on drama, short on adventure. It had great players, but not so many as we have seen in previous World Cups. It had no abundance of great referees and we needed them. It was short on goals, and short on great ones. But there were still some to savour, by Platt, Stojkovic, Matthäus, Milla, Schillaci, Baggio, for example.

Most of all, in this "short" list,

tactics and strategies that go with

On the positive side, the tournament seemed to be well organised. (I have been to major sports events that were not, and the cracks always show). Security was effective, thank goodness, and that has helped English clubs back into Europe next year. Public interest, world wide, was very high; we saw again the immense impact of sport in and on society. Great sporting occasions, events and issues touch people's lives - will politicians ever learn that?

There were thrills, unforgettable moments, great sporting deeds. But the good and the bad were always mixed, and they often included more than a dash of the

Inevitably, much pressure wa on the host nation, the Azzurri. I loved to watch Baggio, a rare find, and Schillaci, with the eyes and appetite of a wolf, and there was talent throughout the side. But why were they so short on ambition? Why so content to settle for one goal, when they should have scorched the earth towards



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their opponents' net? And what was the need, with so much skill, for ugly tackles and time wasting In the end, they were victims (once again) of their own doubts, or perhaps of the weight of Italian passions and expectations.

Another positive aspect has to be the African arrival. Cameroon caught everyone's imagination (although, we regretted the harsh side to their game). Was there ever a "supersub" like Milla? Such a fluent player, one we should have seen in his prime. Before too long, an African team surely will win a World Cup final.

My main interest was in the way players reacted to performing at this peak of ambition and com-petition. Mentally, I walked out with them into the studiums, into the glare of attention. I felt the effort of concentration to produce their related best smid the heat

COE and tension. Of course, I was not there, and could not see behind

> I saw only the gladiators in their arenas, in the fierce Italian sun. Sometimes, the strained, gaunt faces reminded me of their Roman slave forebears, waiting for the thumbs up or down from the stands, from the benches. Not many looked to be enjoying their

sport in the stadiums.

One exception was Paul Gascoigne; now one of that rare breed of people known to millions by an affectionate nickname. His approach, his behaviour, his performance, all filled me with admiration. This is no ordinary player. Here he was, on the largest football stage of all, parading his brave talent with more purpose than he sometimes showed at White Hart Lane. Clearly, his is a talent and personality that wants

My heart went out to him in that marvellous semi-final against the Germans, when Beckenbauer and his men committed against him a professional foul. "Gazza" chased and tackled, a player dived, and the German bench (choruslike) erupted. Their reactions may have got Gascoigne the yellow card, and he knew at once he was out of the final, if England were to get there. We saw then his numb, disbelieving tears, and the picture

filled papers. Some judged his reaction out of place. What nonsense. Here was a player who must have felt cheated out of a place in a World Cup final; maybe, his only chance of playing in the biggest game in his

Sometimes, commentators and watchers expect too much of the performer. Sport is an emotional business. In something like a World Cup, the best of players are close to the nerve ends. For a young man like Gascoigne, in those circumstances, tears were inevitable. In a less controlled player, the reaction would have The German diving and drama

schools were seen again in that final. They contributed to the two sending-offs. I thought the Argentinians guilty of unfair play, but it was not the worst we have seen in this or previous tournaments. It is the German behaviour that will live longer in my memory. I believe they had a team memory. I believe they had a team that deserved to win this world

championship, but I also believe their approach ill befits the title.

My campaign for fair play in modern sport, for "sportsmanship", is well known to readers of The Times. From this point of view, the tournament was a happy one for the English. It was a timely innovation for Fifa to award a fair play cup, because this is the big battle to fight and win for the future of football and sport in general. Italia '90 showed us on many occasions the dangers and the problems; not least, in the

What a thrill for England to win that award. I think we deserved it.
Players like Lineker, in particular,
and Walker and Wright, demonstrated the old, essential values of sporting competition — playing to the rules, palong the knocks and refereer decisions in their stride,

and not seeking unfair advantage. In his glorious last outing, Peter Shilton deserved to be part of such

an award. Problems lie ahead for Fifa. This World Cup began and ended This World Cup began and ended with two players sent off. The proper boundaries of fair and unfair play are well known; at issue is the competence of officials, and their subjective and consistent judgments. The IOC faces similar problems with Olympic boxing.

pic boxing.

I like the thought of two referees for football matches at world level.

Therein may lie the solution to a vital concern. Before the next World Cup, in football's new frontier, the United States, some such action is required to help restore the old values in a game that her destronguished some its restore the old values in a game that has demonstrated again its continuing ability, through television, to gain new audiences.

For such audiences, drama is king, and the four weeks of the

World Cup provided plenty. But ... sport has to give more if it is to stay true to its traditions. We hope and look for the old and new skills, for style and grace, and for sportsmanship. Do we ask too

Worcestershire attempt to lift elusive cricket cup when they meet Lancashire in Benson & Hedges final

Botham's relish for big occasion may be crucial

By Alan Lee CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

BACK in 1963, when the arrival of cup cricket was regarded with such lofty sus-picion that Wisden declined to credit the sponsors. Wor-cestershire reached the in-augural final and lost. This is a distressing habit they have been practising ever since. Today, at Lord's, they contest their sixth cup final, still pursuing their first win.

Since 1963, when Worcestershire's downfall was plotted by one E. R. Dexter, the club has won the county championship five times and the Sunday league three times. In the late 1980s, they became the most glamorous and accomplished sides in the country, yet all their money, talent and influence could not buy a cup triumph.

The bookmakers, with the support of recent form, believe they will be beaten yet again today, when their BenLord's teams

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son and Hedges Cup oppo-nents are Lancashire, who have won five cup finals while Worcestershire have been losing five. I have a hunch they

No one can doubt Lancashire's credentials to win. Over the past five years they have carefully constructed a team with no obvious weakness in overs cricket. Worcestershire, however, have left behind an inauspicious start to the season and come to Lord's in their most efficient

form. Cricketers being a super-stitious breed, they had also

altering the routines which brought them such a conspicuous lack of success in the past. Last night, for instance, they abandoned the traditional

team dinner and early curfew.

"It was left entirely to the players," explained the club chairman, Duncan Fearnley. "They decided they wanted to treat this one like any normal game. We have had too many finals with the big hype, the formal dinner, the early night and then nothing happening. So the lads were left to their own devices once they had travelled down in the coach.

Fearnley was on the playing staff when Worcestershire reached that first Gillette Cup final 27 years ago. He did not make the final XI, being more involved with helping to win the second team champ-ionship at the time. He only played two cup ties before his retirement in 1968.

There was a distinguished absentee when Worcestershire BENSON & HEDGES CUP 1990 AVERAGES

was still recovering from the back surgery which would have ended the career of a weaker man. Today's occasion will be viewed, by many, as a farewell to the big time for one of the game's greatest charac-ters. Do not, however, expect Botham to share that opinion.

in his endearingly cock-sure way, Botham simply cannot understand why the England selectors continue to overlook him. He still has designs on a tour to Australia this winter and will see today's game as the stage on which he can convince everyone of his worth. It is his first final for Worcestershire and his relish for the big occasion is one further reason why I believe they will win.

Graeme Hick's urge to comensate for his failure in 1988 is another factor. So too is the news that Worcestershire's chronic injury problems are clearing at an opportune time, while Lancashire have suddealy developed crises of their

Worcestershire have been seam bowlers, Dilley, Radford and Newport, for much of the season but all three could be in the side today.

Lancashire travelled south with doubts persisting about Graeme Fowler and Paul Allott. They would be immeasurably weaker without Fowler's unconventional brilliance with the bat and Allott's conventional economy with

 Graham Dilley is to have a fourth operation in two years on his troublesome right knee



Sweeper system: Brown turning the wrists profitably against the Indians yesterday

Minor Counties find little to fear in Indians' attack

By TONY WINLAW

TROWBRIDGE (final day of three): Minor Countles drew with the Indians

Keith Brown, followed his hun-dred on the first day with a superbly compiled innnings of 89 not out here as the Minor Counties safely thwarted any Indian hopes of dismissing them cheaply. They had started 219 runs behind and, although the first wicket fell in the fourth over, a most controlled second-wicket parmership of 157 by Brown, of Durham, and Folland, of Devon, soon assured

The Indians, in fact, had to catch a flight from Heathrow to Glasgow where they play Scot-land today, and the match ended early, at 4pm, with Minor

India's bowlers delivered accurately enough - Kapil Dev conceding just 20 runs off 16 overs — while posing little threat. But this was a perfect batting pitch upon which Brown, Folland and later Burn applied themselves admirably. It is certainly no wonder that the

Minor Counties have chosen Trowbridge as their venue to

India's captain, Azharuddin, but then came the telling second-wicket partnership at al-The left-hander Folland, a

schoolmaster at Blundell's, played a classical innings of strokeplay and judgement and was, indeed, a perfect example

the bat on occasions and finally won the duel, with a quicker ball, when Foliand played his only suspect shot, the sweep, and was bowled for 82. This was a fine innings by the 26-year-old Folland, who first appeared for Devon aged 19 and then played one season for Gloucestershire

ective role as second string to Folland and he continued to bat with perfect judgment when joined by his Durham colleague, Burn (47 not out), for the thirdwicket partnership. These two safely added 80 runs and India were frustrated to the end.

The indians declared at 512 for six, the total they had reached at the close of the second day. Their bowlers were yesterday faced with the stiff but telling task of dismissing these Minor Counties batsmen. Trow-bridge's pitch or not, this was still disappointing bowling by

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to make his escape.

Cricketer with the ball at his feet

Lescontáro butting and fielding

N H Fairbrother ... M A Atherton..... P A J DeFreities... G Fowler M Watkinson

AS THE last of the prosional cricketer-footballers, Phil Neale, who leads Worcestershire against Lancashire today, had to make a choice. It was whether to concentrate solely on one sport or the other in the hope of playing for England, or to persevere with both for fun. He chose the latter and is too pragmatic a man to regret having done

For Neale, the two sports complemented each other. Graham Taylor managed him when he played for Lincoln City and taught him how individuals should be handled. Neale's subsequent success in captaining a side which



Taylor's advice knew no

bounds. "Be clever enough to act the peasant at times," he told the young left back who had just graduated from university to the fourth division with a degree in Rus-"The topics of conversation will be football, sex and television," Taylor said. "By all means adapt to that, but never lose what is going on in your mind." Neale did not, which, considering that five players in the Worcestershire side have degrees, is just as

For 11 years Neale attempted to combine cricket and football, which led to a certain amount of strife. Not with Worcestershire or his wife, with whom his honeymoon in 1976 consisted of one day's leave from training, but certain football directors and managers. One or two come in for harsh criticism in his autobiography, A Double Life, in which Taylor has written a

There is no such criticism of Worcestershire, nor of the majority of players Neale has led with conspicuous success since 1982. In addition to what he has gleaned from Taylor - "I try not to be too

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Neale: living a double life ntocratic and to give players input in decision-making he learned much from Norman Gifford, his former captain. He had no qualms about taking Botham and Dilley on board. He had shown himself capable of strong leadership in his second season as captain, dismissing Younis Ahmed, then a matchwinner, after he bet against his own side. He is now the longest-

serving captain in the country and has twice led Worcestershire to victory in the champ-ionship and the Sunday league. He is all too aware that only his county and Glamorgan have yet to win a final at Lord's. He was playing when Worcestershire were last in the Benson and Hedges Cup final.

It was 1976, his second season, and the occasion overwhelmed him. He made five and Kent won. At the age of 36, he has given up hope of being se-lected for England as a bats-

man, even though his career average, which is in the mid-30s, is that of a good county player. As a captain, he uncharacteristically advanced his claims through the media to lead England in West Indies last winter. "I started to talk more openly because others had been doing so, although I thought I would have a better chance of taking the England A side to Zimbabwe," he said. "I did not realise until that tour started how disappointed

I was not to be on it." Neale has three years remaining of his contract and expects it will see him out. He will cope better than most in retirement, for he has his degree, capital from a benefit that brought him £153,000, experience of teaching at the Royal Grammar School, Worcester, and of running Phil Neale Enterprises, a business which took spectators to Zimbabwe last winter. "That it was well organised," Mike Vockins, the Worcestershire secretary, said, "was typical of the man."

England ring changes

ENGLAND have made three changes from the party that won the inaugural European wom-en's cup in Denmark, last year, to defend the trophy this year.

They open against the Netherlands at Leicester on Wednesday and play Denmark and Ireland on the following two

ENGLAND PARTY: J Powell (Yorkshire, Capt), K Smithles (East Michards), J Aspinall (Yorkshire), C Barra (Surrey), J Chambershir (East Michards), C Cooke, A

• Toft, the holders from Chesh-

ire, have a home draw against Treeton Welfare on July 22 as they attempt to reach the quar-ter-finals of the National village championship (Michael Austin

DRAW: Cotton v Freuchje; Kirkley v Warkworth; Islam v Dusetalt; Toft v Treston Welfare; St Fagane v Grantpound Road, Gostacre v Froceser: Linton Perk v Hursley Park; Horadon-on-she-Hill, v Lenglehur.

play touring sides for the past GARY Brown, aged 25, the younger brother of Middlesex's Roberts, a Buckinghamshire policeman who batted so well for 85 in the first innings, was soon caught at third slip by

for schoolboys watching yes-terday. His straight driving proved a most profitable stroke and his footwork to the left-arm spinner, Raju, was a special delight. Raju turned the ball and beat

Brown had played the eff-

Injured captains miss out

MICHAEL Younger, of Northumberland, and Stephen Plumb, of Norfolk, are the latest Minor Counties captains to be struck by a bizarre sequence of

Younger cracked a thumb while playing for Benwell Hill in the Northumberland County League and will miss the champ-ionship match against Staffordshire, starting at Jesmond on Monday. This aggravates Northumberland's problems because Steve O'Shaughnessy, an important all-rounder in their plans this summer, has been troubled by a persistent groin strain and has played in only one championship game.
O'Shaughnessy limped through the match against Durham, bagged a pair and has since been undergoing treatment at Old Trafford.

Plumb, who suffered a broken finger when struck by David Makinson, the Cumberland seam bowler, made a difficult and unselfish decision to withdraw from the Minor Counties representative match example the

draw from the Minor Counties representative match against the Indian touring team at Trowbridge this week.

After stepping down, Plumb consulted a specialist, acquired a plastic casing to protect the finger, and promptly scored a half-century for Norfolk against Bedfordshire at Southill Park. Plumb said: "I thought fielding." ast the tourists."

Plumb said: "I thought fielding would be a problem, but ironi-cally, I could have played

Cup finalists for the first time are planning to turn limited overs success into better for Tonorrow they begin a two-match tour to Cheshire and Shropshire, fortified by the availability of Paul Atkins, a talented batsman, for the opening game. Buckinghamahire chare Atkins's migratics with ing game. Buckinghamshire share Atkins's registration with

Neil Hames, Bucking-hamshire's Captain, said: "De-spite no restriction on first innings this season, most cap-tains are declaring after 55 overs and I expect that to be the case with Cheshire and Shropshire." Last season, two other captains, Nigel Gadsby, of Camtains, Nigel Gads Wates honoured the unwritten agreement so faithfully in the march against Corawall this

Chariots of Fire tribute in China

By JOHN GOODBODY

A MEMORIAL stone is to be laid in northeast China to mark the grave of Eric Liddell, the 1924 Olympic 400 metreschart-pion, whose exploits were de-picted in the film Chariots of Fire.

The line Latitelf Memorial Trust, which will also offer training grants to their young athletes, has signed a provisional agreement with the authorities in Weifing city. Shandong, for the minute to the Scot, who became a mistionary after his athletics chieer and died in a Japanese internment chup in China on February 21, 1944.

Charles Walter, the firmder of the must, who has been working on the project for the past year, said in frong Kong yesterday flat it was sad that so lattle was known about Liddell after the 1924 Olympics in Paris and particularly about his dasth.

Lideli died from a brain-tenor and his grave is marked by a wooden cross that fellow interness could only inscribe with shoe pollin, because of the absence of sharp instructions. Laddell was perhaps the most extraordinary natural falent of the generation of athletes that

was such an inspiration at the 1924 Games. He was essentially a sprinter and in 1924 was British 100 yards record-holder with 9.7sec. His speed and strong physique also brought him international rugby union cape for Scotland

However, he learned well before his departure for Paris in 1924 that the 100 metres heats would be run on a Sunday and being a devout Christian, he opted to run just in 400 metres. his secondary event and one for which he was an outsider.

This opened the way Harold Abrahams, the other leading figure depicted in the film, to win the 100 metres while Liddell improved his best time by two seconds to take the 400 metres.

He retired the following year and after graduating from Edin-burgh University, left Scotland to teach chemistry and nese school in China, where he had been born in 1902. Before his departure, Liddell was hauled through the streets



Liddell: inspired men of Edinburgh in a gaily deco-rated carriage by students and in a speech in Waverley station said that their motto should be "Christ for the world, and the world for Christ". The students saing "Jesus shall reign" as the train left.

In China he worked with zell-and devotion: His running amazed the Chinase but he never competed seriously again, preferring to work with his teenage students. However, his running still proved useful. Once he got through lines of bandits disguised as a Chinese pedlar and then used his speed to make his escape.

He returned to Scotland briefly during the war but then, with typical courage, went back to China and once was preaching at a baptismal service when artiflery bombarded the church-Finally, the Japanese interned him but his fortitude remained a constant example for his colleagues until his death.

The trust, which has already raised £75,000, will communite funds for sports facilities at local schools in China and next year it is establishing annual sports scholarships for three youngsters, one each from China. Hong Kong and Britain.

Eric Liddell, athlete, missionary and teacher, coold scarcity have a more suitable memorial.

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Stewart steps off the pages of Scott Fitzgerald determined not to get his plus-twos in a twist in golf's Open Championship

The great Gatsby goes garish

PERHAPS the most vivid picture we have of Payne Stewart is of him up to his plus-twos, or knickers as the Americans call them, in the water at the 18th at The Belfry last September, attempting to stave off defeat against José-María Olazábal. For his efforts, Stewart became splattered with mud and still lost the march.

Stewart was hurt, even though the United States were to tie the Ryder Cup, and he intends to redress his reputation in the 119th Open Championship, which starts at St Andrews on Thursday.
Stewart remembers St Andrews

well; particularly the iniquitous 17th, the Road Hole. "I don't think I ever tried to hit the ball on the green when I played there in 1984. I tried to play to the left and make my par with a chip and putt. What a hole to have to make a three on to set yourself up to win. I certainly did not know how to do that then; I think I'm a better player now and that I could figure out a way to do it this coming week."

Stewart has not been back to St Andrews since 1984, when he took five at the last hole in the third round. "They still had a 54-hole cut then and that bogey meant I packed

my bags."
He intends to be around until next Sunday. "My goals, my sights are much higher. I'm more determined."

Aged 33, Stewart has accomplished enough to suggest he could win the Open. He has won five times in the United States, includtimes in the United States, including the US PGA Championship last year and the Heritage and Byron Nelson Classics this season, and according to the Sony world rankings he is the best American player today. Only Greg Norman, Nick Faldo and Olazábal are above him in the list him in the list.

Stewart, with his usual candour, says: "I don't know that the Sony rankings mean too much. I'm surprised they even put me in them because I'm not an International Management Group person and they run them. Greg is No. 1 and I don't know that he's played the best golf in the last year.

"I do know that I don't get as flustered as I once did and I suspect that is an important reason as to why I am a better player than I was two or three years ago. It has certainly helped me to be more mentally prepared and mature about how I conduct my business."

There is much to admire about his game. At 6ft lin and 12st 7lb, with a penchant for fishing and hunting, he has the power, as well as the strength of character, to dictate terms to the fairways. If there was ever a chink in his armour, it was on the greens, although that is no longer the case. He has putted with increasing confidence in the past



Sitting pretty: Stewart, one of the more showy predators of the world's golf courses, dressed to kill in the plumage of the Atlanta Falcons

two years and has the ability to extricate himself from the sand, a vital requirement at St Andrews, where hidden bunkers provide

challenging hazards.
It has taken him more than a fair quota of misfortunes to elbow himself into the front line. Encouraged by his father, Bill, an adversary of Tom Watson in several Missouri amateur championships, he first struck a golf ball at the age of four. He graduated, too, not only with a degree in business from the Southern Methodist University but also on the fairways, where in 1979 he beat Fred Couples in a play-off in the Southwest Conference,

Stewart considered himself infallible. He headed for the US PGA Tour qualifying school. He failed. "Looking back, it's probably the best thing that could have happened to me. I was a pretty cocky kid. I thought I was as good as anyone and that I could beat anyone. Failing at the school told me I would have to

He did, too. In 1980 he took a job

tidying the shelves and painting the men's room, he was paid all of £45. Stewart quit. He became a devotee of the practice range and he has subsequently won more than £2.5 million in prize-money alone. His off-course earnings have swollen through his association with the National Football League.

There has always been a Gatsby look about Stewart. He got the idea of wearing plus-twos and colourful socks from the Australians, Rodger Davis and Stuart Ginn, when playing on the Asian Tour in the early 1980s - he won the Indian and Indonesian Opens - although the pastel shades of which Scott Fitzgerald would have approved have been replaced by a selection of more garish colours of teams from

"I represent NFL Properties, which is a corporation of all 28 owners of the National Football League," Stewart says. "So, basically, I represent all 28 teams. I've brought over the colours of nine teams and I'll be sporting four of Playing at Gleneagles in the Bell's Scottish Open this week has accomplished much for Stewart. "I get a feel for the type of golf that I need to play in Scotland and it helps me to recover from jet-lag. I don't think I would be giving myself a fair chance to win the Open Championship if I came over the week of the championship."

Stewart first played in the Open in 1981 at Royal St George's when Bill Rogers won. He went back there in 1985 and was runner-up to Sandy Lyle. "I had a good chance to win. I played well but I missed a couple of short putts in the last round. I remember I hit a great shot into the 8th and missed a two-footer."

Since then, Stewart's affinity with the Open has strengthened. In the past three years he has finished fourth, seventh and eighth."It's fun to play a different form of golf from what we play in the States, where everything now is through the air," he says. "Over here it takes a lot of imagination. It takes some creativity. You've got to be able to hit all the different shots in golf. I think

that is why you get such special winners of Open Championships.

"Everything we do back home demands that you carry the ball to the green. That isn't how golf is supposed to be played. You're

supposed to be given options.

"I can tell you who has become one of the worst at building the kind of golf course that doesn't give you the options and that is Jack Nicklaus. He builds his greens, then bunkers them in front, so that you don't have the chance to roll the ball

Woosnam swings easily towards another victory

By MITCHELL PLATTS. GOLF CORRESPONDENT

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IAN Woosnam moved closer to completing the second leg of a memorable treble when he took a three-stroke lead with a round of 67 in the third round of the Bell's Scottish Open at

Gleneagles.
Woosnam is intent on emulating Sandy Lyle and Nick Faldo, who regained his form with a 67, by winning the Open, and no player will enter Championship week at St Andrews more confident should he follow his success in the Monte Carlo Open last week with another

With the wind swinging through 180 degrees to come straight out of the east, the course posed a different examination than on the first two days. Woosnam, however, responded to the challenge in cavalier fashion by using his driver more regularly. It failed him only once, when he hooked the ball into a bush at the 14th, accepted his punishment by taking a penalty drop and marked down the only bogey of an otherwise straightforward

Such is Woosnam's economy of effort that even in taxing conditions he makes the game look incredibly easy. He admitted to experiencing some diffi-culty in reading the greens, but his Ram Zebra putter still served him well, especially at the 15th and 17th holes, where he holed putts of around 15 feet. Woosnam now has a total of

201, 12 under par, and Gordon Brand Jr (72) and Mark McNulty (64), are well aware that he will need to lose his momentum if they are to erase "If I shoot three under, either of them will have to score a 65 to equal me," Woosnam said. "I feel great. I don't feel tired. I want to be No. I in Europe this

year, because I'm determined to return to Augusta as I really believe I can win the Masters.

Brand has become a flyfishing enthusiast, and he
booked his first trout only hours before teeing-off. Unfortunately a hook of the golfing variety

Card of the course

3,327 35 Total yardage: 6,789 stuck in his throat for much of his round and he may once again have cast away the prospect of winning a title he failed to land last year, when he finished with a 78. "I played terrible golf." Brand said, "I had to chip and putt my way out of trouble time and time again. If I play like that again then I have

to chance."

Like Woosnam, McNulty is using a woman's putter, which proved an obedient servant on one green after another as he gathered nine birdies. "It's the best I've putted for a couple of years," McNulty said. "I'm pretty happy. My long game is solid."

Derrick Cooper, who had a 68 which included six birdies, is four strokes behind Woosnam and he would appear to be the only other player with a realistic chance of threatening Woosnam, There is, however, a tournament within a tour-nament with the leading five players in the top 25 who are places in the Open Champion

ship.
Ross Drummond, Malcolm
Mackenzie and Mark Roe, who
share fifth place seven strokes
adrift, are the leading can-Meanwhile Faldo, who is 11

shots behind Woosnam, can be forgiven if he now has only St Andrews on his mind. He is consumed by the thought of regaining the Open and the arrival of David Leadbetter, his teacher, provided the signal that the greatest week in golf is about to begin. Woosnam is inclined to begin. Woosnam is inclined to believe it will begin with him clutching another piece of silverware and a cheque for £66,660.

LEADING THIRD ROUND SCORES

Little luck going at US Open

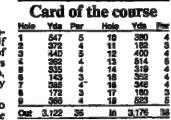
From Patricia Davies IN DULUTH, GEORGIA

IT MAY not be much consolation to the United States Golf Association, the organiser of this week's 45th US Women's Open at Atlanta Athletic Club. but yesterday was the last Friday the thirteenth of the year. It was not a day to be trying to

run the biggest event of the women's calendar. Chivvying 156 players around a course is difficult enough at the best of times, with the first people teeing off at 7am and the last at nearly 3.45pm. It becomes well nigh impossible when thunder-

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as one mud-bespattered spectator christened it. Not everyone had completed the rain-delayed first round when another storm delayed the

Total parcings: 6,298

storms keep intervening and second round more than two turn the venue into Squish City.

played three holes and was still six under when the siren sounded. Sheehan, a late starter, was having to resign herself to the thought that she would be lucky to complete the second round on the assigned day. Geddes, who will be defend-ing her Weetabix British Wom-

with Patty Sheehan after a 66, six under par, on Thursday, had

ing ner weetable british wom-en's Open title at Woburn in August, was US champion in 1986 but Sheehan has never won the US Open and covets it more than anything. matters low-key after opening with the lowest first-round score

Both were trying to keep in this championship, a statistic that lent credence to the general

opinion that this was the easiest US Open course ever. Even Louise Suggs, twice winner of the title and the championship's honorary chairman, confessed

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 88: P Sheehan, J Geddea. 67: C Keopi, 88: N Lopez, 88: J Britz, C Wafker, 76: J Anderson, K Tochetter, M Murphy, D Massey, C Gerring, T Green, S Sanders, 71: J Myers, S Furlong, N Rubin, C Marino, M Mellon, E Croeby, H Stacy, B Daniel.

72: J Amechutz, M MeGeorga, K Shipman, J Cratter (Aus), B King, V Geotze, R Jones, D Ammaccapane, A Alcott, P Wright (GB), N Brown, 72: G Hull, K Noble, C Morse, J Carner, L Davies (GB), C Ranick, M Ward, N Bowen, L Neumann (Swe), P Snyder, A Finney.

jam at final hole By a Correspondent

Reid in a

THERE may be a car on offer for a hole-in-one at Fleming Park's short 18th hole but the Scottish professional. Dale Reid, would have settled for a three there in the second round of the Bloor Homes Eastleigh lassic yesterday. Reid, who holds the tour

record with 18 tournament victories, was heading for the outright lead after 17 holes only to finish with a double bogey five for a round of 62.
This left Reid with a six under

par halfway aggregate of 124 to share the lead with the West Country golfer, Kitrina Doug-las, and Dennise Hutton, from Australia.

Reid, who won over the same 4,376 yards Municipal course in 1984, gathered four birdies and an eagle in the first 12 holes. But after losing a stroke at the 13th, Reid hunkered her three iron at the 18th then took three putts for her five. Hutton, winner of two tour-

naments last year, had never veered from par until she too dropped a shot at the 18th. Douglas, however, had no such problems. In the late afternoon, she struck a superb two iron to four fect for a birdie two and a homeward run of 28.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (GB and triviand unions stated): 124: D Huston (Aus.), 63, 61: D Red 62, 62: K Douglas 62, 62: C Douglas 62, 62: T Johnson 61, 66: D Douglas 62, 62: T Johnson 61, 66: D Douglas 63, 67: D Barrard 68, 60: S Gronberg (Swe), 86, 62, 130: C Scholeffield (US), 66, 64: P Groc-Whittaker, 88, 62: J Rumsey 67, 63: C Dionah (Aus.), 61, 69: B Huke 65, 69.

D Petrizzi (US), 70, 61; A Munt (Aus), 66, 65; R Hast 69, 62; M Estill (US), 65, 66; S Srudwick 66, 65; T Fernando (S Lanka), 62, 69; N Hall (Aus), 69, 62; F Dassu (II), 66, 65; M Gamer 65, 69, 132; N Way 62, 70; F Descampe (Bet), 66, 66; K Prechtl (US), 68, 64.

Stupefied summer days of soul limbo

o, my pull-out wall charts of Wimbledon and the World Cup have been filled in (except that something in me refused to log the result between England and West Germany). The faces of Harry Carpenter and Helen Rollason, of Elton Welsby and Graham Taylor, have ceased to fill my life; Martina and Stefan pulled off the big ones and Bobby and Gazza are up for canonisation. The great sporting events, with all their concomitant build-up and pub talk and bittersweet compilation films, are over for the time being. And what have they left me with?

by Booker T and the MGs. England played Pakistan in 1982. Watching this every

I knew, for example, of Abdul Qadir's spiteful bowling techniques; I knew that Chris Tavarė was something of a stonewaller, I knew that Bob Willis had changed one of his middle names to Dylan; I knew that Derek Randall moved as if being worked from above by a

l had, too, a panicky knowledge of fielding positions, swotted up from a diagram in a children's cricket quiz book. Theoretically. I knew a lot. In practice (that is, when actually watching a match) l see a spectacle, fast bowling, lots of runs, runnings-out, splintered wickets, drama.

wasted on me.

I can bear about ow the only things cricket are, first, the despised oneday matches ("How can cricket not be able to end in a draw?"), at the end of which I am always left with little scraps of paper covered with hasty calculations of requisite runs per over, a figure which I reassess after every

whom he cannot help showing off.

would begin to speak and Fred would cut him off with decisive smartness: "Yeah, I thought that was what you were gooner say. Dunt surprise me."

Fred was also keen to impress upon the New Zealander that he, Fred, knew Sir Richard Hadlee extremely well - extremely well. "When I see Ritch Adlee I shall ask im. Yeah, I shall ask im when I see im.

ut then, suddenly, the tame New Zealander was replaced in the box: in cruised Henry Blofeld, lifting his panama hat to the ladies, suavely taking over. With grouchy deference, Fred explained the cricketing story so far. Yeah, we were just saying ..." But Henry ignores Fred, really. He hears, but he does not listen. He has embarked on a soliloguy, a smooth, Pimmsy stream-ofconsciousness monologue that Fred can only punctuate with better bursts of boorishness. The sense of sulking is palpable, but Henry is riding too high to care: "There's a chap in blue jeans - but we don't mind about that ... large, puffin cotton-wool clouds - and we've got a small aeroplane! ... and here's a most fascinating midge, got about eight legs, settling here on our box. And our insect friend has left us

"Must've heard you talking about it, it's took off." I suspect that Fred would like to tek off n'all when Henry's with him in the box; although maybe the fight gives him spirit, gives more weight to the pronouncements ("it's amazing, this, for an international bowler") which he manages to squeeze into the impenetrable fastness of Henry's

It is scarcely too fanciful to

LAURA THOMPSON

England's youth rises to occasion

TURIN - England, after having struggled to hit top form in the stroke-play qualifying, turned on the style in the European youth team championship at the Golf Club I Roveri yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes). Despite having halved the foursomes I-I, they swept to a 5-2 win over Spain, and meet Italy in today's semi-finals. Scotland, who beat France 4-3, meet

Three of England's team in the singles yesterday were under par over the demanding Robert Trent Jones-designed course. James Webber, of Broadway. was a splendid four under as he beat Javier Ansorena 5 and 4; David Bathgate, of Sandiway, was three under in crushing Felipe Garcia Hernandez 7 and 6; and Jim Payne stood at three 4 win over Alvaro Prat.

too two encounters in the singles through Andrew Coltast and Simon Mackenzie. Grant Thomson, of Eastwood, clinched victory when he holed a three-foot birdie putt at the last to beat Christophe Muniesa. IBST to beat Christophe Muniesa. RESULT: England 4%, Belgion 2%. Formsomes: H Doburr and A MacDonald lost S Tornel and V Vincx, 5 and 4; L Famclough and R Bolas lost C Pons and S Clausset, 5 and 3. Singles: Dobson bt Tornel, 1 hole; Fairclough bt Pons, 1 hule; Bolas bt O Herbert, 7 and 5; S Morgan bt Vincx, 6 and 5; MacDonald halved with Clausset.

Spain 3, Germany 4; Sweden 5, Italy 2.

SECOND ROUND DRAW: England v
France; Sweden v Germany; Belgium v
Scotland; Spain v Italy.

haived their foursomes, won the

Clausset.
France 4, Scotland 3. Foursomes: S
Mendburu and V Michaud bt J Moodie
and M McKiniay, 3 and 2; K Mourque
D'Algue and M Alsuguren bt M and F
McKay, 2 and 1. Singles: Mourgue
D'Algue bt Mooodie, 3 and 2; Michaud lost
to F McKay, 3 and 1; Alsuguren tost to M
McKay, 1 hole; B Chretian bt J Jenions, 2
holie: Mandibiaru lost to McKiniay, 2 and

Scotland triumph as Russel shines

ropean boys' team championship in driving rain and a bitterly cold wind here yesterday despite losing three of the five singles to Wales (Chris Smart writes).

more than four hours to com-plete 18 holes they established a

Raymond Russel produced a marvellous performance to record a five and three victory over Richard Johnson, the Welsh boys' champion, after being four up at the turn. Ireland booked their semifinal spot by overcoming Sweden while England, the

Denmark in the foursomes and at the halfway stage of the singles were down in three matches and up in only two.

REYKJAVIK - Scotland edged into the semi-finals of the defending champions, managed only to share the spoils with

On a day when it was taking

useful cushion by capturing both the foursomes in the morning and in the end squeezed through 4-3 and will play Ireland today for a place in the final.

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NESULTS: Sociated A, Wales 3 (Sociated bratt: Fournowner R Richard and D Downie best R Johnson and M Wills two holes; B Coffer and N Meditar bour R Disname and M Eth S and 2. Single: Richard boar Johnson 5 and 3; Collier best C Sheppard by holes; Downie lost to Disname ≥ and 1; G Jack lost to Wills one hour; Meditar lost to Eth 6 and 3. A superb second shot to 18

fect on the final green and a putt that never looked like missing won Darren Clarke the North of Ireland amateur championship at Royal Portrush yesterday, against Paul McGinley, the Irish Close champion (George Acc writes).

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RESULTS: Semi-finals: P McGinley
(Grange) bt G McGimpsey (Bangor), 2 and
1: D Clarke (Dungannon) bt J Carvill
(Warnenport), 5 and 4. Pinal: Clarke bt
McGinley, 1 hole.

BOWLS

Irons recovers to reach final with Spencer

By GORDON ALLAN

ROY Spencer, a left-hander from Twickenham, will play Andrew Irons, from Leicester, in the final of the Woolwich Eastbourne open tournament singles at Princes Park today.

Irons, the 1983 EBA under-25 champion, lost in the Eastbourne semi-finals last season. Yesterday he came back from 13-18 to beat Arthur Small 21-19, saving a match point at 19-19 and winning on the next

Both men had difficulty on a rink with one straight hand and one swinger. By contrast Spencer, with studied accuracy, beat Simon Riggs 21-18.

RESULTS: Singles: Semi-finals: S Riggs 18, R Spencer 21; A Small 19, A Irons 21. Pairs: Semi-finals: L Spooner and H Jordan 17, R Borthwick and M Prentice 27: C Taylor and T Howard 21, C Arthur and J Wripps 16.

RUGBY UNION Opening game poses useful challenge

From David Hands. RUGBY CORRESPONDENT, **BUENOS AIRES**

THE first match of any tour is a time of uncertainty but that feeling is heightened for England as they prepare for today's game against Banco Nación at the Vélez Sarsfield Stadium today. Three days of preparation is nowhere near enough to perfect the mechanics of a side including so many newcomers, many of them young men whose experience of international

rugby is nil.
Not that England are contemplating defeat. Nor are they harkening to the blandishments of those who hosted them at the sumptuous Banco Nación headquarters here on Thursday and suggested an avalanche of points against their own side. Banco's form may have slipped in the last month but any side containing Hugo Porta, regardless of his

that they have, will pose an instructive challenge.
Will Carling, England's captain, has already established the

parameters for this tour. "I don't see the main objective as to remain unbeaten. My main priorities are that we adapt the essons we have learned into our pattern of play and that the youngsters learn about what is involved in the whole England

"It would be very bad for us to be so negative and conservative that, at the end of the tour, we came away with played seven, won seven, but the youngsters had not been introduced into the hard games and not given a fair go. It must be a learning process, a maturing process. "I found it interesting that England went into the football World Cup last month and had

38 years, and four other inter-nationals, and with the touring background in New Zealand that they have, will pose an and they don't come off and we lose, at least we have learned a lesson. If we don't try anything we will be the poorer for it. England accept that they are

not match-hardened, two months out of their own season, which will be an advantage to Banco who, co-champions of Buenos Aires last season, are presently fourth in the first division. Banco's main thrust today may come from the back row, which includes the inter-national flankers. Franchi and di Nisio.

England have named a side with a shrewd scattering of experienced players in key positions. Moore, Egerton, Hill and Carling provide the backbone. with the knowledge and enthusiasm of Skinner and Robinson added to the perceptive touches which Buckton, despite his lack of international exposure, provides. In other respects there is a leap into the unknown for such as Liley and Heslop, Ubogu and Poole: Liley. the Leicester full back, has had no representative rugby, not even at divisional level, so, for all his club record of 439 points last season, can he kick the goals that matter? Equally to the point, will England be able to incorporate

his vigorous attacking skills at

this early stage? So much de-pends on timing, by Liley himself and by Pears, himself and by Pears,

BANCO NACIOM: P Soto: G Benedetto, R
Zanero, P Pèrez, C Gentule; H Porta
(captain). F Gomez: G. O Cando, A
Marron, P di Niso, E Gallo, R Etchegolyen,
P Franch, E Leiva.

ENGLAND XV: J Liley (Lescesser): N
Heslop (Orrell): W Carling (Harlequins,
captain): J Buckton (Saracesse): C Oi
(Wasps): D Pears (Harlequins): R His
(Bath): V Libogu (Bath): B Moore (Harlequins):
(Bath): W Limbet (Moseley): M Skinner
(Harlequins): R Konton (Orrell): M Poole
(Leicester): A Robinson (Exth): D Egenton
(Bath):

knew nothing. I wanted to

Cricket. During the summer of 1982 I watched vast amounts of cricket, for that was the year that the concept of "a run" was finally explained to me. Excited by this knowledge, I gulped down greedy great gobbets of the sport, spending whole stupefied days in front of the Test matches on television; I read Wisden; I blindly heeded the words of Richie Benaud, without a clue about what they actually meant; I momentarily became a cricket bore. I watched the late night highlights as well, just to be sure indeed a whole summer of my life can be re-evoked by the sound of "Soul Limbo"

day as I did, the surface of my understanding was skilled by my easy familiarity with figures like Imran Khan, Ian Botham, Javed Miandad, Bob Taylor, and by the characteristics which I could so readily assign to them all.

drunken puppeteer.

I was with the wrong sport. The technique of a

stroke, the placing of a field, the logic of a battling order were meaningless to me; I have never been able to understand how people can use that much intellect on a game. Which meant that cricket was, to say the least,

So winter 1982 came and sport was once again a lot of men running around together as a team, rough and tumble, mud and goals and scrums; the arcane formations of cricket had been replaced by something more basic and, dare I say, more

exciting. The next time I watched a cricket match I found it boring to the point of deliberate cruelty. (I had been taken to the Parks, Oxford University's cricket ground, to watch the Varsity chaps being annihilated by the West Indies. I think Joel Garner was there. What I do definitely remember about that day is lying on the ground, too inert to fall asleep, watching a lot of distant feet pounding, running or sliding down. Terrible, quite terrible.)

single ball; and, second, the radio commentaries. These are funnier than anything one could ever invent. They are funnier. too, than Fred Trueman knows: he thinks he is being funny, but he is far funnier than he thinks he is being. He is happiest when the commentary box is occupied by "foreigners" to whom he can play host and in front of

During the recent Test matches there was, naturally enough. a charming New Zealander quietly inhabiting the box with Fred. His polite presence sent Fred off and

English fantasies. say that when Henry speaks, the Nawab of Pataudi still plays; and the aggressive reality of the Larwood-Lillee-Botham-Richards tradition is submerged into the image of a country house game of cricket, contested between gentlemen and players.

Last milestone for Silverstone

By JOHN BLUNSDEN

a McLaren-Honda? Or can Nigel Mansell once again bring the Silverstone crowd to its feet by scoring his first Ferrari victory of the season? Will Ayrton Senna make amends for his 1989 disappointment and repeat his McLaren-Honda win of 1988? Or will it be Gerhard Berger's turn to open the door of victory for the first time since joining McLaren?

On recent form, one of these drivers, the fastest four in Formula One, will be the first to see the chequered flag tomorrow. Yet it could be waved instead at Riccardo Patrese or Thierry Boutsen and their Williams-Renaults, or possibly at Nelson Piquet or Alessandro Nannini and their Benetton-Fords.

One thing is virtually cer-tain: if the Foster's British Grand Prix is run on a dry track, it will be the fastest race of the world championship season, and will be run at an average speed which may mula One in this country or

perhaps the world. The shrill exhaust notes of ringing in the ears of close to 100,000 spectators tomorrow night when the Silverstone management turns its attention to the task of re-model- always been able to match. ling the track in time for next

scason's racing. It will increase to 3.2 miles. it will provide about a dozen drivers with some interesting some exciting vantage points. In sheer speed it will be no requirement of a lap speed close to 160mph for pole

position. The final hour of qualifying this afternoon, therefore, will make a milestone in the history of a race which first came to Silverstone exactly 40

Years ago.

The inaugural event in 1950 was the first of the Grand Prix season, and the first to be run for the world championship. But these days the British Grand Prix marks the halfway point of the 16-race season. the time when teams tend to take stock. For those who are in need of championship points, tomorrow's race will occupy the most crucial two hours of the year, a nail-biting time, at the end of which they will know whether or not their points score since mid-season last year has been sufficient to free them from the spectre of Friday morning pre-qualifying for the remainder of the

In 1989, the Minardi team avoided this indignity (with which goes the loss of free travel to the far-flung races) by picking up three crucial points at Silverstone. This year, the pressure is on Ligier and Dallara to finish in the points,



CAN Alain Prost repeat his Leyton House having escaped 1989 victory, this time at the the net through their magnifiwheel of a Ferrari rather than cent second place in France

> At the sharp end of the grid, of course, the pre-occupation is the championship. Forget all those clichés about not thinking about the title and "I take each race as it comes' For the 26 starters, the world championship is the ultimate goal and Senna, Berger, Prost and Mansell, in particular. know they can win it this year, given a reasonable run of

A victory tomorrow for one of this quartet will considerably enhance his championship chances, especially Senna or Prost, who are three points apart at the top of the table. Their score sheets include three victories and two blanks -- but a driver counts only his 11 best results. Although Ferrari and Prost

have won the last two races, the McLarens will always be difficult to beat at Silverstone, which means that Senna's most serious challenger tonever again be seen in For- morrow may be his own team partner, Berger. Despite the lack of a win this year and having to squeeze his tall frame into a tight cockpit and the latest breed of multi- frame into a tight cockpit and cylinder engines will still be endure considerable discomfort as a consequence, the Austrian has been showing scintillating speed in recent races, which Senna has not

In his first season with Ferrari, Prost, the world champion, may be leading Mansell by three wins to nil different corners presenting after seven races, but there has been precious little between challenges and spectators with them in terms of personal performance. Prost's victory in Mexico, from thirteenth on match for Silverstone 1990- the grid, was a masterpiece of style, with its potential for a driving skill and tactical 145mph race average, a judgement, out of the late of a lap speed Mansell's incredible overtaking manocuvre when he went round the outside of Berger's McLaren to regain second

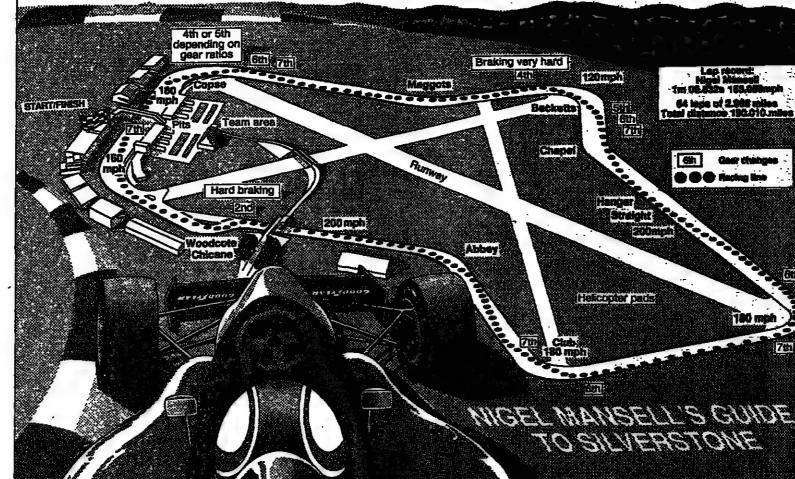
place on the penultimate lap. At Silverstone, there is the noise factor, the roar of the Mansell supporters, which he will hear above the highpitched scream of his V12 engine, will be as good as giving him an extra ten brake horsepower,

The high point of the Canon Williams team's season has been Patrese's victory in Imola, since when their results have slipped, but their Silverstone form over the past decade has been second only to McLaren's and this year their second-generation Renault engines should enable them to follow closely in the tracks of the McLarens and Ferraris and perhaps get in

among them. Over the past few weeks, the Benetton chassis has proved to be one of the most competitive on the circuits, as responsive to changes in settings as last year's car was not. Piquet and Nannini have been doing well on medium-speed circuits, and their impact on the faster tracks should be enhanced by the latest Series 4 of the Ford V8 engine developed

by Cosworth Engineering. The good top-end power of the Lamborghini V12 engine was demonstrated by Eric Bernard during recent tyre tests at Silverstone when his Larrousse Lola was among the front-runners, so the hopes of Derek Warwick and Martin Donnelly of putting the similarly powered cars of the Camel Lotus team among the points tomorrow could be satisfied, if they can find a better chassis balance than in

was 681/2 in long and its girth was



THIS is how I will be driving my seven-speed Ferrari around the old, 2.97-mile Silverstone circuit for the last time. Crossing the start/finish line in sev-

enth gear close on 160mph and entering Copse Corner, a right-hander at upwards of 180mph. Change down to fourth or fifth, depending on gear ratios. You can afford to ride up the kerb if it is dry, but if it is wet — don't.

Out of Copse and quickly up to sixth and seventh, sweep left through Maggotts before breaking very hard for Becketts. Into fourth, flicking round the

right-hander at about 120mph. It is an important comer because you have Chapel Curve and Hangar Straight coming up, and you need the car and your position to be just right.

Up through the gears again — fifth, sixth, seventh, fast and hard as you can down Hangar Straight, usually the fastest part of the circuit, at 200mph. It is a critical part of the circuit, too.
Positioning on the left, not losing focus
of Stowe Corner, because that is now
taken at 180mph. Flash down to sixth,

pulling seventh as you do so, then just coming off the power and down to sixth again for Club. Again, also, 180mph or more exiting. Going through those two right-handers now is frightening. If something goes wrong you are heading for a big one.

Out of Club, seventh, and flat round Abbey Curve towards the Bridge, reaching about 200mph again. In fact, depending on the direction of the wind, this part can be even faster than Hangar Straight. Silverstone, remember, is an old aerodrome, basically flat and open, so the wind is a significant

Now breaking very hard for the leftright Woodcote Chicane for the stowest section of the circuit, about 60mph. Down to second gear, third through the chicane and up through the gears again, sweeping right toward the finish

If it is a good lap it should be close to en average speed of 160mph. Given the right conditions, with no wind, a record qualifying lab of 151mph — or 1min 6.4sec — could be possible.

A track stamped on my mind for ever

EVEN after all these years, the British Grand Prix fills me with a marvellous feeling I get from no other race. You have to be pretty hard-nosed in this part that day, lifting me and carrying business but if you are not stirred by your home race there is something ground on Nelson. That experience wrong with you.

It is a magical experience to be out there waving the flag for your country. Fortunately, I have had some success to celebrate with the supporters in Britain. I have had three wins and two second places in my last five races on British soil, which I think is not bad.

Just about my most emotional race was at Silverstone in 1987 when I beat Nelson Piquet. The crowd played its will live with me forever.

The British supporters are not only supportive but also knowledgeable They understand and appreciate good motor racing. Any driver will tell you that. I hope to give them something to appreciate and cheer this time. It would be especially satisfying to win

the last British Grand Prix held on this particular Silverstone track. From next year, of course, it will be rather different, with certain corners changed and some new corners added.

I congratulate Tom Walkinshaw and everyone else at Silverstone for taking the initiative and redesigning the circuit. There is no doubt that something had to be done because the speeds, particularly at Stowe and

Club, have become incredible. Speed has given Silverstone its

special character. It is a fantastic

exhilarating circuit but safety has to be of paramount importance. Average lap speeds of up to 160mph in qualifying, and cornering speeds of 180mph or more, are something else.

If the banks were moved back to give a 100-yard run-off area at Stowe and Club it would not be a problem but the banks are so close it is frightening. The new circuit looks as if it is going to be safer, more interesting and challenging and should give speciators a

GRAND PRIX TEAMS

2, Nigel Mansell (GB). Chassis: Ferrari 641. Engine: Ferrari V12. Tyres: Goodyear. TYRRELL RACING

ORGANISATION

Drivers: Car 3, Satoru Nakajima (Japan); car 4, Jean Alesi (Fr). Chassis: Tyrrell 019. Engine: Ford Cosworth DFR V8. Tyres: Pirelli. WILLIAMS GRAND PRIX

ENGINEERING Drivers: Car 5, Thierry Boutsen (Bei); car 6, Riccardo Patrese (It).

isis: Williams FW13B. Engine lenault V10. Tyres: Goodyear. MOTOR RACING DEVELOPMENTS

Drivers: Car 7, David Brabham (Aus); car 8, Steiano Modena (it). Chassis: Brabham BT59, Engine: Judd V8, Tyres: Piralli. FOOTWORK ARROWS Drivers: Car 9, Michele Alboreto (It); car 10 Alex Caffi (It).

Chasels: Arrows A11B. Engine: Ford Cosworth DRF V8. Tyres: CAMEL TEAM LOTUS

Drivers: Car 11, Derek Warwick (GB); car 12 Martin Donnelly (GB). Chassis: Lotus 102. Engine: Lamborghini V12. Tyres: Goodyear.

OSELLA F1

(Fr). Chassis: Osella FA1-ME, Engine: Lamborghini V12. Tyres: Goodyear. LEYTON HOUSE RACING

Drivers: Car 15, Mauricio Gugalmin (Sr); car 16, Ivan Capelli (it). Chaesis: Leyton House CG901. Engine: Judd V8. Tyres: Goodysar.

EQUIPE AGS

Drivers: Car 17, Gabriele Tarquini (it); car 18, Yannick Dalmes (Fr). Chassis: AGS JH25. Engine: Ford Cosworth DFR V8. Tyres:

BENETTON FORMULA Drivers: Car 19, Alescandro Nannini (It): car 20 Nelson Piquet (6r). Chassis: Benetton 8190. Engin Ford V8. Tyres: Goodyear.

SCUDERIA ITALIA Drivers: Car 21, Emanuele Pirro (It), car 22, Andrea de Cesans (It). Chessis: BMS Dallara 190. Engine: Ford Cosworth DFR V8. Tyres:

SCM MINARDI Drivers: Car 23, Pierluigi Martini (it); car 24, Paolo Barilla (II). Chassis: M190. Engine: Ford Cosworth DFR V8. Tyres: Pirell. LIGIER GITANES Drivers: Car 25, Nicola Larini (it); car

26, Philippe Alliot (Fr). Chasets: Ligier JB33B. Engine Ford Cosworth DFR V8. Tyres

Goodyear. **HONDA** MARLBORO Drivers: Car 27 Ayrton Senna (Br); car 28 Gerhard Berger (Austria).

Chassis: McLaren MP4/58, Engine: Honds V10. Tyres: Goodyser. ESPO LARROUSSE

Drivers: Car 29 Eric Bernard (Fr): car 30, Aguri Suzuki (Japan). Chassis: Lola 90. Engine: Lamborghini V12. Tyres: Goodysar. SUBARU COLONI RACING Driver: Car 31, Bertrand Gachot

Chassis: Coloni C3B, Engine: Su-baru flat-12. Tyres: Goodyear. **EUROBRUN RACING** Drivers: Car 33, Roberto Moreno (Br); car 34, Claudio Langes (ft). Chassis: EuroBrun ER189. Engine: Judd VB. Tyres: Pirelli.

MONEYTRON ONYX Drivers: Car 35, Gregor Foltek (Switz): car 36, J J Lehto (Fin). Chassis: Onyx ORE-18. Engine: Ford Cosworth DFR V8. Tyres:

LIFE RACING ENGINES Driver: Car 39, Bruno Giacometti (It). Chassis: Life L190. Engine: Life W12. Tyres: Goodyear.

PROGRAMME

9.30: Circuit inspection lsp 10.0-11.30: Untimed practice for Formula One 11.40-12.55: Track demonstrations 1.0-2.0: Second qualifying for For-

nuis One
2.25: British Formula Three champ-location race
3.25: Metro Challenge cace
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POSITIONS

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1, McLaren-Honda, 60pts; 2, Ferrani, 45; 3, Bennetton-Ford; 23; 4, Williams-Renault, 21; 8, Tyrrell-Ford, 14; 6, Leyton House-Judd, 6; artist 2, Armus-End and Brighton. equal 7, Arrows-Ford and Brabham-Judd, 2; equal 9, Larrousse-Lamborghini and Lotus-Lamborghini, 1.

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July 29: German GP (Hockenfreim)
Aug 12: Hongman GP (Budipput)
Aug 26: Beiglan GP (Spa-Prancor
champs); Sept 2: Italian GP
(Monza); Sept 23: Portuguese GP
(Estorti); Sept 30: Spanish GP
(Jerez); Oct 21: Japanese GP
(Suzuks); Nov 4: Australian GP
(Adslade).

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

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SCHOOL'S CHAMPIORISHIP

new direction, one which is more compatible with the demands of an environmentally conscious society."

Kranefuss said that under the leadership of Jean-Marie Balestre and Bernie Ecclesions Formula One had made spectacular advances in recent years and had repeatedly demyears and nat repeatedly com-oustrated its ability to respond with remarkable speed to new challenges. "Look at the hoge strides in aniety, for example. Now there should be a new shallance or individuo care of

Time for

to mean

green

DURING final qualifying for the Foster's British Grand Prix this afternoon cars with engities producing well under 700 horse-power will be lapping the circuit at speeds equal or close to those of the 1,100-plus horse-power turbo-charged cars of three seasons ago. This demonstrates the pace of advance in aerodynatics, tyre technology, engine management systems and performance fuels, and the achievements of chassis and engine designers in exploiting every avenue to higher performance allowed in the rule book.

One of these has been the

freedom to use performance enhancing additives in the feel mixture, and the pungent aro-mas emanating from some of the fuel containers in the pit and paddock area, bear witness to

their presence. Recently, per-haps because high temperatures

have tended to increase the irritation factor, these exotic

brews have become a sensitive issue, leading to suggestions that they may well be harmful to those who come into contact

Yesterday, in an effort to quell

the tinease. Shell, who supply Honda Mariboro McLaren, is-

sued a statement making it clear that their fuels and lubricants

trapired no additional precau-tions to those recommended for the handling and use of normal consumer fuels, and that their constitutents were to be found in products used in day-to-day

The fact that the subject

moteanon of an increasing in-ease about the poeture of For-mila One, with its pursuit of performance regardless of cost at a time when the major preoccupation of the world's motor industry is the dev-clopment of ever greener and more environmentally friendly

There is a greater stotor industry involvement in Formula One today that ever before and it is by no means all for publicity. A major benefit to a car manufacturer is the opportunity to engage its engagement in advanced technology projects at a pace which can never be found outside thotor racing, where technological advances and solutions to problems have to be found in days rather than months or years.

rather than months or years.

in this respect Formula One has been of great blockit to us and our customers, both in terms of product improvement and in the development of continuous of product improvement.

and in the development of equipment, some of which is already being made available to our dealers, for monitoring performance there securately, says Michael Kranefuss, Ford's director of matter sports operations worldwide.

"But times change, and with much of the world so deeply concerned with environmental

to this cause, I believe that Fist, as the controlling body of motor sport, has a magnificent opportunity to point us all in a

challenge to develop cars of outstanding efficiency judged not just by its engine or its chassis, but as an overall package. Smaller cars, lighter cars, cars which are just as quick but constume less fuel." Yesterday, a spokesman for

Points are awarded to both drivers and constructors for finishing a grand prix in one of the top six positions. 1st: 9pts; 2nd: 6; 3rd: 4; 4th: 3; 5th: 2; 6th: 1. Drivers are allowed to count only their 11 best results from the 16 races in deciding the world championship finishing order. Constructors are allowed to count all points awarded to a maximum of two care per race. McLaren confirmed that the need to be seen to be environmentally concerned was ever present and that any moves made to that end, after the consultation with everyone concerned, should be encouraged. sit around the table.

GOLF: Lédies Bloor Homes Entition

TENNIS: Sik Cut Challerge: Scottish Area Final (Whitecraigs club, Glesgow). WATER-SIGNIG: British Rational four-nament championships (Bedfort, Mid-despit).

RESTLING: Challenge Cup of Great tain (Piorwein, Lancashiot).

MOTOR RACINGS British Grand

Big salmon lives to fight another day By CONRAD VOSS BARK

THE largest salmon caught by formula for computing its an angler in North America, weight was used: the length weight was used: the length multiplied by the square of the girth divided by 800. The fish weighing approximately 72lb, was returned alive to the water of a Canadian river last month because of strict rules of catch

Atlantic salmon taken by a fly fisherman weighed slightly more than 74lb and was caught The story is told by Nelson Bryant, in The New York Times, of how Ken Jamieson, a fly on the Aaroy river in Norway. He adds: "In all the Atlantic fisherman of Houston, Texas, hooked the fish in a pool of the Restigouche River in New Brunswick, Canada, salmon rivers of Canada, a quarter of a century goes by before a fish of 50lb or more is It took I hour 15 minutes to The conservation rules of the land, till shortly after sunset. The fish was beached rather Restigouche say that only small than netted. Jamieson and his salmon, the grilse, that return to their rivers to spawn after a year at sea, may be killed, and big

unan netted. Jamieson and its guide, Charlic Adams, and two canoeists who were coming down the river, joined forces to measure the fish quickly so it could be returned to the water Because Jamieson's fish could not be weighed, Bryant says, a

By BRYAN STILES

Competitors will make a 161mile round trip down the Thames from Tower Bridge to Margate and back to London Docks. The catamarans will have an advantage over the heavier monohulls in the placid waters of the Thames, which account for 62 miles, and on the run along the south coast, which

will be in sheltered seas. will be seeking his first points of the season in the race, which forms part of the national championships and the Global Group grand prix series for the Prince of Wales Youth Business

British drivers will be competing this week in the world grand prix inland circuit series in Leningrad. Their biggest problem is transporting the two-litre boats and equipment such a distance. Steve Kerton, the Briton who lies fourth in the championship table, set off by road last Friday. After tomorrow's race he will then drive to Lignano, Italy, in time for the next round on July 29.

Today CRICKET Benson and Hedges Cup final

LORD'S: Lancashire v Wor-Tour match

GLASGOW (Titwood): Scotland (Indians (10.45)
SCHOOL'S CHAMPIONSHIP: Ordered BOWLS

EASTERN COXINTIES LEAGUE: BANDON

ATHLETICS: BBC1 9.45-10.40pm: High-lights of the Mobil Blaker Games from Disc: Eurosport 7-9.30pm and 10-11pm: Coverage of the Bister Games and the Dream Mile from Osto.

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AUSTRALIAN MALES CONTINUES AND AUSTRALIAN MARCOURS.

BASEBALL: Screensport 2.30-3.30am and 1.30-2.30pm: Highlights of game one and two of the Major Language.

BASKETBALL: Screensport 10-11am: Highlights of Collegiste Hissis from

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

OTHER SPORT

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(Bibley, Surrey).

WATER-SKIPAC: British National WATER-SKIPAC: British National Water (Derwant Resevoir, Northumberland). WRESTLING: Challenge Cup of Great Britain (Homital), Lancastitre).

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SPORT ON TV

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SPORTSDESK: BSE 9:30-10am, 7:30-8pin and midnight-12:30am.

TENNIS: Eurosport 12:30-8pm: Highlightes of the Rado Swiss Open from Gisted.

TENNIN BOWLING: Screensport 4.15-5.15pm and 9:30-10.30pm; Highlights of day eight of the Mean's Famils of the British from Houston.

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AUTOSPORT Grand

BRITISH **GRAND PRIX** 15 JULY Details of untimed warm up

salmon must be released. British

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reason for the rules of the Restigouche may wonder whether it might not be best to

and race results. from SILVERSTONE NEW NUMBER 0839 123 123

POWERBOATING

Conditions are made for Clarke

CATAMARANS should hold the key in the London Dock-lands race tomorrow and that will give John Clarke, in his 39ft Cougar, the edge. He drives the biggest catamaran in the British offshore fleet and the flat-calm conditions predicted for the race should be ideal for his craft.

BASKETBAUL: Screening to the Highlights of Collegists Finals from Atlantic City.

BOXING: BSB 12-30am-1.30am: High-lights of the Fight of the Week: Eurosport 11 30pm-12-30am: Highspirts of this fights: Screeningort Middley-Ipm and 10.45-11.45pm: Highlights of professional CRICKET: BBC2 10.35-11.25pm: High-lights of the Benson and Hodges Cap Final from Lord's: BSB 10.30am-7.30pm rom Lord s.

CYCLING: C4 6.30pm-7pm: Highlights of Stage 13 of the Tour de France: Eurosport 12.30-8pm and 12.30em-1.30em; Highlights of the Tour de France: EQUESTRIANISM: Screensport 9-10am; Highlights of the Ressult Jump '90 from Franconville.

WEEKEND FIXTURES Northamptonshire v Derbyshire (Well-ingborough); Warwickshire v Nottingham-shire (Rugby); Worcestershire v Lin-

CANGEING: Holme Plemaporat Inter resional Statom (Notlingbard). (Southempion), HOCKEY: Leek Mixed Hockey Festival MOTOR RACING Delich Grand Prix

GOLF: Eurosport 12.30-Sport: Highlights of the Bell's Scottlish Open from the Fund course at Glaneagles: Screensport 4.30-5.30am; Highlights of the third and fourth day of the US PGA Anheuser-Susch Cleaste from Williamsburg, Wignite and day three of the US Women's Open histopromises from Williams, Openia: ISSS 8-10pm; Highlights of the final day's play of the Bell's Scottlish Open from Gleneagles.

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GRANDSTAND: BBC1 12.35-5.05pm: 12.35-12.55pm. 2.05-2.25pm. 2.35-2.55pm and 3.05-4.55; Golit Coverage of the Bear's Scottleth Open from Generalies: 1.0-1.55pm: Motor Hacing: Fruit brookes at the Fostian's British Grand After train Silverstone: Racing: 2.25-2.35pm and 2.55-3.03pm: Highlights of meetings from Lingstald. Lingstot.
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Breain from the Silverstone cross, interretional events and \$60bit on news;
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the Wheston Cop Papel 400 lines Dayston,
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and 5:30-7:30pm; Highlights of the Bass-pean championahips from Paris and the laternational Super Prix from Lydden Hill. RUGBY LEAGUE: 1:30-5:30em; Highlights of Australian events and coverage of the of Australian events and coverage of the First, Second and Third seek between Genet British and these Zeekend brom Chrisichards.

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ahead

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Irish

By DAVID POWELL

AN IRISH national record for

the 10,000 metres is the least

that John Doherty expects of

himself in the Bislett Games

here tonight. "If I can keep upright, I should get it," he says, If he keeps upright. Britain's athletics bosses may feel like the man at Manchester United who

said that David Platt would

In 1984, Doherty, then of Britain, was a useful 5,000 metres athlete to have around,

but not useful enough alongside Eamonn Martin. Tim Hutchings and David Moor-croft. Consequently, he was overlooked for the Los Angeles Olympics that year, after finish-ing third in the total "The

ing third in the trial, "The selectors didn't even notice me,

so that got me thinking about running for Ireland," Doherty said, with a thick Yorkshire

This evening the man from Leeds, who has run for England and Northern Ireland, but is now on his third country, comes to the 10,000 metres as a

comparative novice. No less a

figure than David Bedford, the

last Briton to hold the world record, believes he will make a

spectacular impression.

"He can do for Irish 10,000

never make a footballer.

whole stage. Delgado felt that LeMond ways had at least one had day in the Tour."

the Italian. I can wait until the Pyrences to get back the lead." Others have similar ideas, including the 1988 winner. Pedro Delgado, who was the only other contender to hold a press conference yesterday. He mid:

"It's frustrating for me to be so far behind the leaders [nine minutes], but Chiappucci is not a problem. He will have a bad day. As for Pensec, by losing the time-trial by so much yesterday, he conceeded time, and gave up his psychological advantage,"
Asked where he planned to make up time on his rivals, Delgado said: "The stage in the Pyrenees to Luz Ardiden (on Tuesday) will be decisive — not just the climb to the finish, the

to him, as the pressure is now on

would be a bigger danger to his chances than Erik Breukink, who lies third, 5min 38sec Breukink is scared of racing point. And in the past he has

chance of winning are the Mexican, Raul Alcala, the coleader with Breukink of the Dutch team, PDM, and the Tour of Italy winner, Gianni Bucno.

stage to St Etienne.

CYCLING

Pensec planning

to recapture

lead in Pyrenees

WITH nine stages and 933 miles 49hr 24min Base, 2, R Paranc (F), 1mir remaining in the 77th Tour de 17sec behind; 3, E Breukink (Neit), 8:55

remaining in the 77th Tour de 17sec behind; 3, £ Breulink (Neth), £55: France, the race is wide open with at least seven riders in densition for overall victory. Yesterday, a rest day, each of the candidates spent as much time (186), 1856; 11, P. R. Cabenson (186), 11:23, £. W. Laparres (Sp., 1248; 10, A Hampston (186), 1856; 11, P. R. Cabenson (18

classification after 12 days. Too Av. Thirteenth stage: Villard-do-Law Claudio Chiappucci, of Italy, to St Ellerine, 72 miss.

Overall placings

From John Wilcockson

IN VILLARD-DE-LANS

and Ronan Pensec, of France, gave press conferences at their

hotel on the verdant plateau of the Vercors,

Chiappucel said: "I find it hard to believe that I'm leading the Tour de France, ahead of the best riders in the world." Until

last August, Chiappucci had not

won a race in four years as a professional. But this modest man, aged 27, from Varese, raised his sights after finishing his first Tour de France in 81st

place last year.

He won two Italian one-day

classics at the end of the season, and this year has won two lesser

races. But the rider who is called "chiappucino" by his followers

does not expect to be around when this Tour reaches its

Like Chiappucci, Pensec is

usually a team support rider. In

Pensec's case, his team leader is

Greg LeMond, the winner last year and the reigning world

Yesterday, LeMond was

e children at Grenoble, leav-

pleased to escape the limelight to spend a day with his wife and

Sitting in the back garden of the rustic Hotel de la Poste at

Autrans, Pensec seemed to have

overcome the extreme disillu-sion he'd felt the first day, when

he lost the yellow jersey.

Asked about his tactics,
Pensec said: "There's only
Chiappucci to watch. It may be a
good thing that I lost the jersey

ing Pensec to face the press.

Spectators could be in for a rude awakening in the Dream Mile at the Bislett Games Elliott could be just Great days ahead short of shape to break world record

From David Powell, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, OSLO

TONIGHT'S Dream Mile, directed at Elliott in the event a 300 metres at the Pearl plans. With no one else in the barely under 3:50. field capable of beating Steve "I want to come out of this status of the sport, while they Cram's five-year-old mark, race with a personal best," was break agreements to take up

Time for

to mean.

after a calf injury and, as his finished second here to Cram, coach, Kim McDonald, said, Even that would probably the interruption to his training be sufficient to win. Although has probably left him just the field includes Abdi Bile, of it," McDonald said.

prepared to take the pace if it prepared to take the pace if it Unless the Italian, Salvatore was inadequate for the record, Antibo, succeeds in his 10,000 which stands at 3min metres world record attempt 46.32sec. "There is no way I'm here, the first Dream race of going to run the Dream Mile the season will be in Barcelona from the front," he said, on Monday, Leroy Burrell "Anyone who is a miler wants versus Michael Johnson at to win the Dream Mile, so the 200 metres. Johnson, unheard most important thing is to of internationally until this

FEARLESS front-running has always won the hearts of British

track enthusiasts, and with a superlative demonstration of

the art there was no more popular figure at the sixtieth

English schools' championship at Moorways stadium. Derby,

yesterday, than Kerry Mackay.

Sporting the eyecatching tan-gerine of Hertfordshire, Mackay left nobody in doubt of her intentions in the senior 3,000.

metres. From a five-metre lead

after one lap, she powered onrelentlessly to win by the length of the home straight in 9min 36.7sec. The record books

will show the time as the championship best. What they will omit is the bravery of the

performance, achieved in the

middle of the day with tem-peratures in the high seventies— no time for seven-and-a-half

which has been promoted here of Brown failing to pitch his as a world record attempt, had run at world record schedule. a rude awakening yesterday "We will probably ask for anachronism of athletes not when Peter Elliont said that 1,200 metres to be in 2:50 to having to sign binding conthe record was not in his 2:52." Which means a mile

the race, always the focal point the one concession to clock of the Bislett Games, may watching that Elliott made, prove an anti-climax.

But that stands at 3:49.20 The race is Elliott's third seconds, set in 1988 when he

short of world record shape. Somalia, the world's fastest Not that he completely dismissed the possibility. "But I Kirochi, the Kenyan who was would not be shocked if he did Commonwealth Games 1,500 Elliott might, though. He metres, neither has shown was asked if he would be significant form this summer.

year, has not taken long to Ray Brown, of the United discover what promoters' States, a Imin 45sec 800 dreams are made of Money. metres runner, is the pace- He has been lured away maker, but the question was from the 400 metres here and 89.58m world record.

Bold Mackay sets the pace

By BARRY TROWBRIDGE

Winner of the national under-

20 title a fortnight ago, Mackay,

aged 17, is obviously good, though not good enough, so those that matter think, to

warrant selection for the world junior championships in Bul-

garia next month. Mackay was refreshingly realistic in her dis-

appointment at failing to achieve the 9min 20sec required by the British board to be

considered for Ploydiv, noting

that she has two more seasons as

Several athletes who have

on show yesterday, mostly in heats, but Emma Merry, representing the Midlands this weekend, took the opportunity

to sharpen her discus-throwing skill. In a straight final in the

intermediate event Merry set a championship best of 48.80m in

the fourth round, which she

an international junior.

Assurance games in Belfast on Monday, highlighting the tracts, which would conflict with the so called amateur better offers. When Johnson agreed to

appear here and in Belfast, he was not the drawing card he is now. He is the world's fastest 200 metres runner and third at 400 metres. Burrell has beaten Linford Christie in three successive races and is saving his showdown with Carl Lewis until the Goodwill Games in a fortnight's time.

But that may not be as good as Monday's 200 metres. As Burrell said on Tuesday: "At our college meet in Texas in May be ran 19.91 seconds and I ran a windy [wind assisted] 19.61 seconds. When we are able to mix it up, something spectacular will happen."

(Someract), 38.94. Hammar: as investigation than all process. (Someract), 57.36. Javelin: T. Etinciga (Essax), 50.34.
Section givin: 2,000m; 1, K. Mackay (Hents), Smin 35. Pace (CBP). High jump; 1, E. Smith (Graster Manchester), 1.74; 2, C. Pythian (Graster Manchester), 1.74; 3. A Purron (West Midlands), 1.74. Discuss: 1, N. Hart (Essex), 44.74; 2, A. Everton (Warwecks), 43.70; 3. E. Belales (Bouch), 43.2. Imministration girls: 3,000m; 1, N. Gray (Nots), Smin 57.25ec. Discuss: 1, E. Berry (West Midlands), 44.80 (CSP), Jerustin: E. Smith (Shripphire), 41.92. Juminir girls: High lume: 1, A. klay (Hartis), 1.62.

metres running what the World Cup did for Irish football," Bedford said. "He has the potential to be an Olympic Steve Backley, the javelin world record-holder, has his most thorough examination of Tonight there will be a world the season when he faces Jan record attempt by the Italian, Salvatore Antibo. But Doherty said; "I am going to go with the rabbit and do what Antibo does." After his 13min 14.17sec Zelezny here. Zelezny threw 86m in Nice on Tuesday, only three metres short of Backley's

days ago, he has to be taken seriously.

Five days earlier, he had run 13min 15.28sec to win the Helsinki Grand Prix. On Monday, he sharpened up with a 3,000 metres win in 7min 49.64sec in Lappeenranta, Finconsolidated with 48.22m in the HEXT.

RESULTS: Sentor boys: Long Jamus 1, S
Philips (Warnolds), 7.24m; 2, J Lee
(Middlanas), 7.21m; 3, E Chukuhare
(Sussen), 7.15m; Harman: 1, M Socier
(Avon), 62.08. intermediate boys: High
jump: 1, S Osude (London), 1.99; 2, M
Smith (Heros), and S McLeen (London),
1.99. Triple jump: 1, U Omyekwell
(Suffolk), 15.04 (wind assisted, champ-conship best performance); 2, C Howard
(Oxon), 14.86 (WA); 3, D Ricketts (West Miclands), 14.78 Shot 1, B Kelly (Marsey-seds), 18.22, Junior boys: Pole vault: 1, C Ayre (Northursberland), 3.30, Long jumps: 1, K Waish (Beds), 6.44 (WA), Shot 1, C Rux (Essen), 14.60, Discus: 1, J Kindon (Sompraet), 38.94, Hamman: M Rowisti (Northursberland), 57.38. Javelin: T Etricipe (Essex), 50.34. land. He agrees with Bedford. "I think the 10.000 metres will be my better event. I have been trying to hold everything back for the European Champion-ships, but it seems to be flowing

out of me."

It will be like home from adopted home for Doherty on the track. The "rabbit" or pace-maker, is Gerry O'Reilly, from the land where most O'Reillys come from. He has instructions to reach 4.000 metres at 13min 13.30sec 5,000 metres pace. The world record, belonging to Arturo Barrios, of Mexico, is 27min 08.23sec. "I will be under 27min 30sec." Doherfy said. Had Doherfy remained British, Martin's national record of 27min 23.06sec, set at the same eeting two years ago, would have been a good target.
But Doberty is not thinking of



Doherty: potential to be an Olympic modal winner

that. "I'm Irish now and I would like to think I could bring a bit of pride to Ireland," he said. "If l am making a serious attempt at 10.000 metres I have got to be thinking of close to 27min

Doherty's first steps as a runner were taken in 1976. That was the year he found Brendan Foster's performance in the Montreal Olympics more inspirational than a trial with Leeds United youth team. His early experiences might have put him off in the 1978 English Schools, Sieve Cram won the mile and Doherty was last in his heat. But progress was quick: in 1980 he achieved his first international victory, beating Antibo, and in 1981 won the English junior cross-country

"Then I had a couple of lean years because of stress fractures." Doherty said. He re-turned to the frame in 1984, but British officials did not like his picture. "I was living in the States and I didn't think the selectors looked (avourably, or still do, upon people out of their country trying to make their teams. All my family, except my elder brother, were born and lived in Ireland, so it was a natural progression."
He fell into the company of

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John Treacey and, gradually, out of the reach of the British. "I was training with John and it took him three years to con-vince me I should run for Ireland." But convince him he did, and Treacey has now probably talked himself out of the Irish 10,000 metres record of 27min 48.7sec, which he has beld since 1980.

The reason Doberty, used 28, has not scaled such heights before is that he devoted himself to the fucrative United States road-racing circuit. "From the purist's point of view, the track is the better measure of a runner," he says now, "I have always been a track runner at heart and my priority is to get medals at every championship

RIFLE SHOOTING

Something to celebrate ONE hundred years ago this weekend, the marksmen of Queen Victoria's Volunteer pete in the competitions leading to the aggregate for the railway station at Bisley Camp. Hopton Challenge Cup, first Surrey, to shoot in the National presented in 1900. On Thurs-Rifle Association meeting (Our Rifle Shooting Correspondent writes). For the previous 30 years it had been held at Wimbledon.

The station has long gone, although its building remains as a clubhouse. The Volunteers are now the Territorial Army and the rifles have become hightech, but their competitions still take up most of the first few days of the annual meeting

up to the aggregate for the Hopton Challenge Cup, first presented in 1900. On Thurs-day, the schools take over with nearly 800 boys and girls,

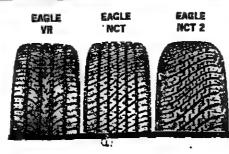
● The Queen's Medal for the champion shot of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines at Bisley went to its first tie-break yesterday. Marine Roy Osbourne beat Corporal David O'Connor on the last shot.

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ALL DETAILS COMMENT AT THE OF BOING TO PRESS. GOOD YEAR ONE MEMBER OF THE HONDA MARLBORD McLAREN TEAM HAS WON EVERY GRAND PRIX FOR THE LAST 3 YEARS.

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The freedom of the individual

THAT plucky little chestnut Timeless Times has fired the public imagination as he inexorably on the record of 16 two-year-old wins in a season held jointly by The Bard (1885) and Provideo

Since making a winning debut at Wolverhampton in April, the colt, owned by Alan Belshaw, head of the engineering company, Times of Wigan, has galloped to 14 victories from 16 races, a fine advertisement for the bold attacking policy of his Newmar-ket trainer, Bill O'Gorman.

Even a defeat at Windsor last Monday can be seen as only a minor setback. "With hindsight, it was a waste of time going to Windsor as we came up against a really good two-year-old in Line Engaged," O'Gorman said. "I'm going to give Timeless Times a rest for a week or two while we sort out some suitable races for him. We've got 15 weeks in which to win three races for the record, so I'm far from despondent.

"Ideally, I would have liked to have got the record out of the way quickly so I could give the colt a decent break, and then maybe later have a crack at the Laurel Futurity in Washington in the autumn."

O'Gorman also master-minded Provideo's successful campaign, which begs the inevitable question of a comparison between the two. "Provideo was brave enough in his races, but he could be very bad-tempered, a real handful at times, which added to the pressures. Timeless Times is much easier to train. He's tough, competitive and relaxed, that's why he takes his races so well. Even the travelling doesn't bother him. He takes it all in his stride."

That O'Gorman has trained two such prolific borses is far from a coincidence. He loves to compete, scorning any stigma of losing which he believes exists in this country. Too often the commercial element takes over as people try to protect their capital

"A horse gets beaten in a classic trial after a promising two-year-old career and is immediately discounted as a failure. Racing isn't a game of conkers where you lose the The American attitude is

far better. They accept that they cannot win every time and allow their horses to keep competing until they run back into form."



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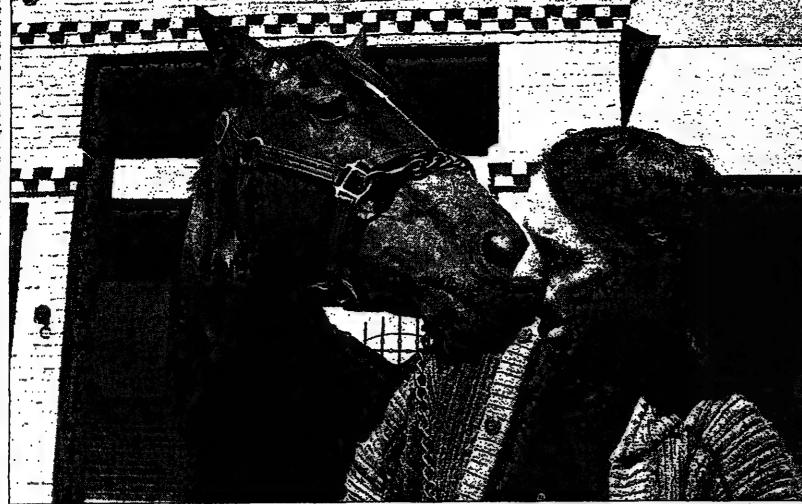
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Straight from the horse's mouth: Timeless Times offers Bill O'Gorman some thoughts on a season which has already produced 14 wins

There are no frills with which Mac's Imp represents. O'Gorman. He is his own man, an individual who enjoys a free hand from his owners. "I have a band of loyal owners, some from the Middle East, who leave me to get on with the job. If I have a a two-year-old." horse fit and ready to race, I want him to run. If I was Both Timeless Times prevented from doing so by an owner I would have to look

seriously at my relationship The Newmarket trainer conceded: "I've made plenty of mistakes. Remember, Provideo was beaten several times before he equalled the record for us. But at least those mistakes were mine." O'Gorman's season has

been solely about Timeless Times. His Newmarket stable houses another talented iuvenile in Mac's Imp who. after an impressive success in the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot, was no match for Muitahid in Thursday's July

DESPITE hanging to the right in the last furlong. Opera Ghost booked himself a return ticket to York for the Ebor Handicap on Cognac Gold Cup by Bachelor's University of Cognac Gold Cup by Bachelor's

O'Gorman took the defeat philosophically: "The winner was very impressive. That's

August 22 by battling on garnely

to win his fourth race in succession in the Singapore Airlines Manchester Stakes

yesterday.

After applying corrective action with his whip in his right hand to prevent the 7-1 winner from veering further to the right, Walter Swinburn took an additional swipe at the Thirsk stewards, who had suspended the jockey for improper use of the whip when winning on Opera Ghost in April.

"It's the principle that I am really against," said Swinburn. "Opera Ghost is a very difficult

horse to ride and you've got to keep at him to stop him hanging. They say that you should let them drift, but we

haven't got eyes in the back of our heads and can't see if there's

anything coming up from

One of 26 horses trained in

Hertfordshire by Peter Harris, Opera Ghost has been lightly raced by the Berkhampstead

My fellow will drop back to five furlongs now. Mind you, if you could combine the constitution of Timeless Times and the speed of Mac's Imp, that would be one hell of

(\$15,000) and Mac's Imp (\$25,000) came from a batch of 13 yearlings purchased in the bargain basement at last year's Keeneland Sales. O'Gorman, who operates from a plush new stable in the Hamilton Road complex, explained that for economic reasons he sought precocious young horses as there was some expectation of an early return on the investment.

"We tend to stay away from the stoutly-bred types. So often horses with very little ability come disguised as slow maturing, and look at the expenditure lost when a horse doesn't run in his first

O'Gorman is very much the pragmatist, who specialises in sprinters and makes a professional job of it. He admits: eas form and sprinting form. Hunt racing and I don't even taken racing by the scruff of great product, but it is badly

Knavesmire return for Ebor

carried to victory in the King George Chase and the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup by Bachelor's Hall.

"I only gave him three races as a three-year-old. He is still improving and should stay the extra two furlongs all right."

extra two furlongs all right."
York's August feature is also
the target for the gambled-on
Arial Star, who was beaten
three-quarters of a length after a
sustained duel in the last furlong
and a half with the winner.
"Willie Carson said he
thought he was going to win
easily but the horse couldn't
stride out on the firm going."

stride out on the firm going," said Alex Scott, "He will be a

better horse when the going eases and we are certainly going to bring him back here in

August."
The Newmarket trainer then went on to outline his plans for

his trio of sprinters, who fin-

like long-distance races on the Flat because I hate to see horses finish distressed." O'Gorman is, however, not

sentimental about his horses. He equates himself to an experienced motor mechanic, reasoning: "The horses are well looked after, the engines tuned. It's my job to minimise damage to the machines."

Far from cocking a snock at the Arabs, O'Gorman acknowledged both sides of the coin in their heavy influence on British racing. He was apprehensive of the way their big battalions tended to overwhelm the middle ranks which, he believed, left the lower echelon too often unable to fulfil its potential. On the positive side, he

pointed to the Newmarket area where so many studs and stables had been upgraded. Because the Arabs want showpieces this has encouraged others to improve their properties too, bringing valuable industry to the local people," he said.

O'Gorman cites Jack Berry as a trainer who has prospere without Arab patronage. "I

ville. The long-term objective for Nabeel Dancer is the Prix de l'Abbaye."

Carson had an afternoon of

mixed fortunes. The jockey of the moment flew to York after finishing second on the odds on Blue Tail in the opening race at Warwick. After finishing fourth

on Duck And Dive in the A F

Budge Handicap, Carson then finished runner-up on Arial Star, third on Shedad in the Philip Cornes Nickel Alloys Stakes and then finally broke his duck for the day when devices

duck for the day when driving Jimmy Barnie to a hard-earned neck victory over Mohawk Chief in the Black Duck Stakes.

The first three races of the

The first three races of the Friday programme consisted of competitive handicaps. And Love Legend put himself on target for the Goodwood Stewards' Cup when battling his way to a half-length win over the favourite Cumbrian Waltzer in the hands of Alan Munro. Love Legend, who was originally bought as a prospective Derby candidate, has 8st 7lb in Goodwood's mad scramble and is now on offer at 25-1 with the

the neck and is enjoying tremendous success through sheer hard work. He is a marvellous example to us all."

Following a happy 10-year association with Tony Ives, now in Hong Kong, the trainer has great faith in his young stable jockey, Alan Munro, reaching the top.

"I am very impressed with Alan. He rides extremely well and is ambitious. But it is also important that he had the solid groundwork before joining me. Sometimes you have to question the attitude of young people in this country. Too many youngsters enter racing thinking that one morning they are going to wake up wearing racing colours. You have to work for it. There must be a day-to-day

"In the United States if a youngster sees a gleaming new Cadillac, he'll say: 'One day, I'll own one of those.' Here, if someone sees a Rolls-Royce they are more likely to run down the side of it with a

The trainer is clearly attracted to the American racing

idea is likely to be shelved for a few years. But it would be a great shame if we lost such a

sive Danzig cont had only once previously seen a racecourse and did not seem to enjoy the

impressively enough from two Emtyasz had six lengths to spare over Henry Cecil's Cay-man Brac, and Frankie Dettori considered him to be a nice

Dettori went on to complete a treble with victoies on another Cumani horse, Yalanoura and King Al, trained by Jon Scargill. Petitesse may have only won the seller, but it made her trainer Gerry Blum a relieved man. Times are hard for the New-market handler. He only has six horses and waited until Septem-ber for his only success last season. Petitesse got him off the mark for this season.

"I am relieved, I can tell you,
" said Blum. There was no bid

Gallant Opera Ghost earns Reluctant **Emtyaaz** wins well

EMTYAAZ eventually justified odds of 4-1 on in the Rydon Homes Graduation Stakes at Lingfield Park yesterday after a rather fractious start. Sheikh Mohammed's expen-

prospect of a return.
Frightened by the stalls, he had to be all but dragged in, but once let free, Luca Cumani's three-year-old came back

Hellenic primed to give Stoute fifth Irish Oaks success

From GUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT, DUBLIN

HELLENIC can overcome doubts about her ability to handle fast ground by landing the Kildengan Shed Irish Oaks at the Curragh this afternoon. Michael Stonie, her trainer, Just won the Irish Oaks on four previous occasions, providing

won the Irish Cales on four previous occasions, providing the outright winners Pair Salinia (1978), Colorsprin (1986), and Unite (1987) in addition to Melodist, who dead heated with Disainmendo in 1984. Stoute would have wished for rain rather than the blistering sunshine of yesterday, but on form Helienic has outstanding crademials. She was a six lengths winner of the Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot from her stable companion lyres, with Pharian well behind.

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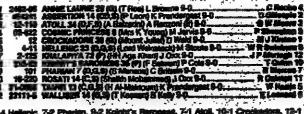
Pharian was supplemented for inday's nece after witning the Lancashire Oaks at Haydock last Saturday by six lengths from Craising Height. Her trainer Clive Brittain blamed ber Royal and the China witness has the control of the Britain blamed ber Royal. Ascot eclipse upon her "boi over in the preliminaries." The second supplementary entry is the Paul Cole-trained Knight's Beroness, who ran on Gold Seal Oales. While she was beaten a total of seven lengths at Epsona, that particular Classic has worked out so well she must be considered a serious con-

tender today.
Atoll, the winner of the Italian
1,000 Guineas and Oaks, comes looking for a third European classic but the opposition here ciasue but the opposition here will be a good deal stronger. The best she can hope for its minor placing, a remark which applies equally to Crockadore, the best of the Irish contingent.

The Alex Scott trained Balwa,

who started favourite for the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot only to desappoint tackes the Irish two-year-olds in the group three Shenazar Chiragh Stakes over five furloags. If she could be relied upon to reproduce her impressive win over Tinkins Wood in the Heidsteck National Stakes she would probably collect here, but with her temperament in doubt a better bet may be the Vincent O'Brien trained course and dis-

3.55 KILDANGAN STUD IRISH OAKS (Group 1: #£122,400: 1m 40 (12



Big-race form guide

Stage set for Piggott return with O'Brien

LESTER Propose with Vincent cus partnership with Vincent Content through Legal Legand, his mount in the John Dennis Esquire Venerans Race at the Curragh tomorrow (Our Irish Correspondent writes). brations, brings together many outstanding former jockeys. Yves Saint-Marcin rides Chiri-per, Joe is on Royal Chimber while T. P. Burns partners Nas-

behind Sangismore in the Prix du lockey Club last that, reveits to an furious and heads a powerful English challings. However, I take Dermot Weld popularity in Ireland, it may be Irish 2,000 Guineas.

Aliysa case nears final test

MORE than a year ago, soon after winning the Oaks, Aliysa 1981 Champion Stakes, was tested positive for a prohibited was tested positive for camphor, a respiratory stimulant and therefore prohibited under the Rules of Racing. On Monday, an enquiry into the case will at

Begin, but move only im-perceptibly nearer a conclusion. After at most two days of preliminary submissions, an adjournment between two and three months will be agreed. Is it a case of unprecedented com-plexity, or just trapped in a legal

marketed. We should be sell-

ing the spectacle to the public,

not the continual emphasis on

betting. Families should be

encouraged to come along by

offering reasonable admission

He pointed out that in

America a couple of dollars

would get you a grandstand

seat and even with 70,000

spectators at the Breeders'

Cup meeting it was possible to enjoy a meet in comfort.

at involving the public with

the celebrities and horses," he said, adding rucfully: "If Mac's Imp had been trained-

by D Wayne Lukas, he would

be well on his way to his first

million dollars in prize-money

O'Gorman is tempted to try

his skill training there, but his wife Elaine, is less keen. Also,

his daughter, Emma, is pursu-

ing her career as an apprentice.

rider in Britain and the youn-

ger sons, Joey and P J, have to

For practical reasons, the

The Americans are so good

prices and decent catering."

plexity, or just trapped in a legal quagmin?

The Jockey Club has, it says, been ready since November, but Matthew McCloy, who is representing the Aga Khan, Aliysa's owner, is sensitive to suggestions that his camp have been drawing their heels. "We were notified of the test result immediately," he says, "but it was December before we received the supporting papers covering the findings of the Jockey Club's own investigations."

The Aga Khan, so unhappy with proceedings that he re-signed his honorary member-ship of the Jockey Club last December, has previously been proved right when questioning an official doping decision.

substance, only for prolonged substance, only for prolonged scientific argument to show that the testing procedure was at fault. That particular test has since been corrected, but the same principle will almost cersame principle will almost cer-tainly be pursued again; the Aliysa camp will wish to be convinced that the test for camphor is beyond reproach. The question is not so much how the camphor came to be in Aliysa's system, but whether it was than at all. Neville Duanett, the director of the Horesracing Forensic Laboratory at Newmarket, where all Jockey Club samples are analyzed, says simply: "I am

are analysed, says simply: "I am satisfied with the testing procedures in the laboratory." Experts representing both Stoute and the Aga Khan have visited the laboratory.

There is no evidence that the camphor was administered, and Michael Stoute, Aliyas's trainer, has capressed himself haffled. Under the Rules, it is Stoute, as trainer, who is responsible for the horse and must face the enquiry. The Aga Khan's interest is that of an owner with a classic victory at stake.

again taking on the lockey Chie, or as a rich man seeking redress. Mocley sees it in neither of those terms. This is not about one side against another, and we are certainly not trying to particularly not trying to particularly not parties share the same aum, to find the right answer. We are trying to establish the truth, and surely occupas as a whole must benefit from that."

There are wider implications here. The Jockey Club has already disputified between which have tested positive for camphor, and should the jest he proven to be flawed; those parties involved may have grounds for a claim.

Until the Oaks result is confirmed, the £108,000 first prize will remain in an account at

will remain in an account at Weatherbys. Once the enquiry is completed it will be released either to Aliysa's connections or those of hear Bride, who would be promoted if Aliysa were dis-qualified. The interest carned,

enquiry. The Aga Khan's interest is that of an owner with a
classic victory at stake.

With the Vayrann episode in
mind, it is tempting to interpret
the enquiry as the Aga Khan

CHESTERS

By Mandarin 2.15 Moy River. 2.45 Ibn Sina. 3.15 Penny Forum. 3.45 R A Express. 4.15 Widyan. 4.45 Band On The Run.

Going: good to firm

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.15 Falcon's Domain. 3.15 Access Ski. 4.15 Tuf-raj. 4.45 Little Big.

Selections

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Course specialists TRANSRS: J Dusloo, 5 wineers from 10 runners, 30.0%; F-Lest. 3 from 13, 23.1%; B McMehon, 5 from 33, 15.2%; P Cols., 4 from 28, 14.5%; S Notice, 10 from 71, 14.1%; R Johann Houghton, 5 from 35, 13.9%.

his trio of sprinters, who fin-ished second, fourth and eighth respectively in Thursday's July Cup. "Great Commotion might well go for the Sussex. The alternatives for Magic Gleam are the Hungerford Stakes at Newbury or the 6½-furlong Maurice van Gheest at Deau-Results from yesterday's afternoon meetings

York Charge good to firm

2.0 (77) 1. CARDINAL BIRD (W R Swinglum, washed own). NR: Thurcardial J Geodern as Newtranted.

2.35 (1m 10) 1. ABLE PLAYER (J Culton, 10-1); 2. Greenink Londinin (M Birch, 10-1); 3. Possega Base (H Cochress, 17-2). ALBO RAN: 4 by Constaint Outline (in), 5 Fer From Home (Sirl), 13-2 Hacisenda, 10 Miss Java, 12 Granition Bay, Golden Tongue, King Shigh, Krystariu Constan, 16 Mics Day (etc.), 25 Guest Flight, 50 The Gooter, 14 ren. Hd. nl., rk., 14, 14, nk. C Thorriton at Middleham, Totae, 217.50;

Thornton at Middlehem. Tate: £17.50; £1.50, £1.10, £2.50. DF: £166.20. CSF: £101.23. Tricast £820.64.

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B.10 (51) 1. LUPE: LEGISTED (A Murro. 9-1); 2. Combinion Western (M Roberts, 6-1).

ALSO FAIA: E Duck and Dive (Rm), Pussy Foot (Sith), 13-2 Luceties, 10 Absolution, 12 Circum a Camelante, Heinst Telluration, 14 Paley Prince, 33 Restless Don (6th), 11 ran. 14, 11, 16, 2, 14, 10 Absolution of Computer, 15 (Long 19-30), 12 (A. 1), 12 (A. 1), 13 (A. 1), 14 (A. 1), 15 (A. 1), 16 (A. 1), 17 (A. 1), 18 (

4.10 (80) 1. DIGS (M Roberts, 4-1): 2. Biagnate's Crown (W R Swenburn, 11-5); 3. Shedad (W Carson, 11-10 lay), 4.50 RAN: 12 Execusor Only (40) 4 can, 51, 154, 8 R Johnson Houghton at Blewbury Toss, 24.90, DF, 25.70, CSF; 29.56.

440 (6) 1, JAMES V BATOSE (W Cornor, 10-11 lev); 2, Mahawat Chief (G Certer, 5-1); 3, Gloerning Water (W R Swindown, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Level Xing (4th); Mosterne (5th); 5 ran. Hd, 3l, 4l, 6l. J

Dunion at Arundal, Tota: \$1.80; \$1.10, \$23.30, 07; \$2.30 CSF; \$5.49. Jackpet: not won (pool of \$7,252.55 carried forward in York tellary).

Lingfield Park

Lingfield Park

2.50 (6) 1, Embrese (L. Dettori, 1-4 fav);
2. Cayaman Strac (7-2; 3, Abrigo (33-1) 3
ran. 81. 94. L. Curmeni, Tota: £1.30. DF:

2.10 (SP) 2. 37.

3.0 (5) 1, Pattheses (A Strouts, 12-1); 2,
Anomosito (4-1 fav); 3, Ruby Jayne (10-1),
12 ran. NH: Batherieba Everdente, Party
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£4.20, £1.80, £2.80. DF: £27.80, CSP:
£57.92. No bix.

3.30 (6) 1, Tamber (8 O'Gorman, 5-1); 2,
Amber Nectur (20-1); 3, Easy Line (3-1
say). 9 ran. NR: Spitzabt. 3, 194. Pat
Mitchell. Tota: £1.50; £1.70, £4.00, £1.60.

DF: £31.40, CSF: £71.67. Twiss: £31.43,
4.0 (1m 20); 7, Yalamoure (L. Dettori, 7-2);
2, Natural (5-0); 3, Guruh (13-6 fav), 8
ran. 54, 94. L. C. Witchell. (A Modicine,
20-1); 2, 644 (16-1); 8, Bigliant, 114-1); Weil
And Truby 2-1 fav. 9 ran. NR: Louisara
Gold. Hd. 294. C. Witchell. Dettori, 12-7;
2. Gold Minories (11-4 kay), 3, Ghilen (6-1);
8 ran. 54, sh rd. J. Scangli. Tone, £8, 40;
£2.00, £1.70, £1.90. DF: £21.40. CSF:
£4.34, 1, Trucast £2.03, 16.
Purcanot £478.20.

 Lancashire trainer Jack Berry has high hopes of reaching his first century this season. At Warwick yesterday, Nuclear Express captured the Nattrass Giles Prudential, Handicap to put him on the 74 mark.

1.39 (5) 1, Sauer Malgins (I) Michella, 10-11; 2, Blue Tall (2-5 fav); 3, The Marshalls Lady (8-1), 8 ran. NR: Genetians, Nr. 11, Miles at Wreghted, Total (24.30; 12.60, 11.10, 11.40, DP: 212.50, 12.40, DP: 212.50, 12.47), 2.0 (5) 1, Nuclear Express (M Hills, 8-1), 2, Sign-A-Snip (11-2); 3, Premier Developer (4-5 fav); 6 ran. 1%, hd. J. Berry, 70x: 28.30; 22.80, 22.90, DP: 2000. CSP: 144.30; 22.80, 22.90, DP: 2000. CSP: 144.30; 12.80 feesing (G Foster, 6-4 fav); 2, Joicean Petich (11-4); 3, Sinclair Prince (14-1), 5 ran. 16, hd. P Harris. Total

Chepstow Goings good (good to firm back straight)
7.30 (in 45) 1, Plaste Army (L Dettor), 4-9 fav); 2, Plan Don't Fly (5-1); 3, Tythern Tree (9-2), 4 ran, 11, 254. L Cunnard, Toke: 5-40. Drf 15: 90, Carr. ELM.
8.0 (87) 1, Desen Beld (T Villageria, 15-1); 2, Besterron't's Keep (5-2 fav); 3, Nazzare Blue (7-2), 12 ran, NR: Lat's Go Lochy, 2, 11, J Bradfey, Toke: 517-90; 24.0, El.80, M. 100. Or: 120.40. CSF: 127-95; 24.0, El.80, M. 100. Or: 120.40. CSF: 127-95; 24.0, El.80, M. 100. Or: 120.40. CSF: 127-95; 23.00. El.80, CSF: 13-21; 2, Fairy Fortune (5-4 fav); 3, Top Berry (5-1); 13 ran, 5-1, of P. Johnson Houghton, Total: 25-40; El.70, El.70, El.70, El.30. OF: 25.80, CSF: 14.85.
9.0 (10: 27); 1 Woodersther (M Roberts, 5-2); 2, Waterfow Pari, (9-4 fav), 3, Hontile Act, 11-2, 7 ran, 13-1); 2, Na Pape, Tote: 24.30; E2.30, El.50 OF: 25.60, CSF: 13.80. Placeport 23.30

Hamilton Park Octog good 8.45 (1m 1) 1, Mayter Plan (K Ruster, 6-1); 2, Northgate King (14-1); 3, Capiti Butter (33-1), it's The Pite 11-10 fav.(is'

22.50; £1.80, £1.60, DF: £5.00, CSP: Warwick 3.0 (8) 1, Gemdoubleyou (G Husband, 2-1 fav); 2, Shephard's Song (8-4); 3, Sasside Minstrel (9-2). 5 ran. 11, 241, R Hollindroed, Tota: E2-2; P1.30, E1.50, DF: E3.20, CSF: 25.24. No tid.

3.20 (71) 1, Helaton Prison (3 Cauthor, 1-2 lav); 2, Rison Moon (13-8); 2 ran, 1%L H Geoff, Tour, E1-20. 4.9 (2m 2f) 1. Northweld Star (8 Marcus, Evens lav); 2. Kirsheda (5-1); 3. La Castare (15-2). 5 zan. ¼(, 2½(, 0 Thorn. Tots: 22.00; £1.80, £2.00. DF: £4.40. CSF: £8.08.

Thurday's late results

ran. 141, sh hd. J S Wison. Tota: 29.20; 22.30, 21.60, 25.60. DF: 220.20. CSF: 270.62, Trices: 12.201.53.
7.15 (Im 40/d) 1, Themeltional (T Sprake, 8-11 fav; 2, Carafree Times (11-2); 3, Lombard Ships (9-1), 10 ran. Sh hd. 4, P Meidn. Tota: 27.70; 27.10, 22.10.
E1.90 DF: 23.30 CSF: 25.65; 7.45.21, 41.27.10, 22.10. 4. P Masin. Total: \$1.70; £1.10, £2.10, £1.30. CF = £3.60; £2.50; £2.64; 7.45 (6) 1, All Wildellosthat (G Hind, 26-1); 2. Davies Of Nelson (10-1); 3. Break Loose (9-1). Too Exper 4-1 fev. 16 rast. 294, 1% I. A Balley. Total: £33.80; £11.30, £1.30, £4.40. DF: £14.50. CSF: £244.107. Tricast: £2.216.75, 8.16 (6) 1, Able Lassie (G Hind, 5-1); 2. Zarmaristy (2-1); 3. Set The Standards (7-1) Jeans Valentine 6-4 fav 7 ran. ½, hd, £ Weynes. Total: £5.00; £2.00, £1.50. DF: £4.40 CSF: £14.45. Bous D'Or (K Darley, 15-6 fav), 2. Carfleiol Lad (16-1); 3. Thorny Fist (5-2). 7 ran. 41. nk. A Hollinshead. Total: £3.50; £2.20, £3.20. DF: £8.00. CSF: £4.45.

23.15 (Im 3f) 1. Pas De Reef (3 Carter, 100-30); 2. Royal Standard (52 tex); 3. Song Of Gymcrak (25-1), 8 rac, 51, 11/4. Maritain. Tota: 24.50; 21.90, 21.30, 21.40. DF-211.30, CSF-211.34. Tricest: £155.66. Pleacent: £857.66

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At Ayr, Husyan, who won

the group three Brigadier Ge-

rard Stakes over a mile and a

quarter at Sandown at the end

of May, can land the equally

prestigious Scottish Classic

now that he will be reverting

to the same trip after giving the impression that he found

1½ miles on rain-softened

Today's race finally marks

the much-postponed re-appearance of Be My Chief,

who was Timeform's idea of the best two-year-old colt seen

in Europe last year following

The start of Be My Chief's

three-year-old career, which

was to have taken in the 2,000

Guineas and the Derby, was

put back because of a

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In my view, be will need to

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ss Times

Oaks again for Michael Stoute on Hellenic at the Curragh, Paul Eddery can enjoy a profitable time at York by winning the John Smith's Magnet Cup on her stable companion Nangarar.

On the corresponding occasion 12 months ago, Stoute was also in Ireland, saddling Aliysa, while Icona captured the same valuable York

By sheer coincidence, Icona won the Queen Mother's Cup

in Nangarar's case it was highly commendable perfor- tively in that Sandown race, mance since it was his first race of the season and he was up against Bold Fox, who was a warm favourite on the strength of winning a handicap at Leicester earlier in the month when lumbered with 10 stone.



Paul Eddery: chance

Kempton only two days ago. Now Inaad, Halkopous, and Black Monday, who finished third fourth and fifth respecare set to reappear and take on Nangarar.

It must be said that a line through Bold Fox gives all three a theoretical chance of beating my selection on these terms. Nanagarar is preferred though in the belief that he will have improved as a result of that first run of the season. A slight drop in distance should not bother him either last season.

Eradicate, who was in fine form in the spring, Bashful Scot, the winner of the corresponding race two years ago, and Karazan are others that I fear; Karazan particularly so since he looked so unlucky at Doncaster at the end of last month.

While it may not be adventurous, Lord Florey is nominated, nevertheless, as the day's best bet to win the Silver Trophy at Lingfield Park and thus to follow in the footsteps of his older stable companion Markofdistinction, who ran away with the same prize 12 months ago also ridden by Lanfranco Dettori.

On that occasion Markof-

However, as my lasting

French raid

From OUR FRENCH RACING CORRESPONDENT, PARIS

Palace Stakes, for which he IAN Balding's Dashing Blade (John Matthias) and Mark Johnston's Starstreak (Tony Cruz) compete in the seven-runner £50,397 group two Prix Eugene Adam (10f) at Saint-Cloud today.

Dashing Blade, who had a rushed preparation for the 2,000 Guineas, looked to be on the comeback trail when fourth to Shavian in the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot last

Starstreak has not run since beaten a head over today's trip eround too far when finishing by Sifting Gold at Longchamp in May. Mendacious and Hecquet look the pick of the fifth in the Hardwick Stakes at

> British hopes are also doubly represented in tomorrow's group three £24,467 Prix Messidor (1m) at Maisons-Laffitte, with John Gosden's Maximilian (George Duffield) and Qui Danzig (Pat Eddery).

Nicolas Clement's Philippi, for whom Steve Cauthen is an interesting booking, and a rejuvenated Ocean Falls, representing the husband and wife tteam of Alain Badel and Myriam Bollack, should pose the British pair most problems.

The Grand National winning jockey Marcus Armytage has be at his best this afternoon in two rides in Ostend today, including the former Nigel Tinkler-trained Self Improvement in a Flat race over ten

By Mandarin 2.15 Desert Splendour, 2.45 Mofador, 3.20 Husyan, 3.50 Jondebe Boy, 4.20 Fallow Deer, 4.50 Figure Out.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.15 Desert Splendour, 2.45 Perfect Chance, 3.20 Braiswick. 4.50 Figure Out.

Going: good to soft (md); good (str) Draw: 51-61, low numbers best 2.15 EBF MILLPORT MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,488: 7f) (7 runners)

5-4 Desert Spiendour, 7-2 Leitritor Pride, 5-1 Infinity Zoom, 7-1 Crimson Cloud, 8-1 Young Whistler, 10-1 others.

2.45 SPRINGSIDE HANDICAP (£3,262: 7f) (15) B Rayan 3 5042 DONOVAN ROSE 17 (BF,B,C,F,G,S) J Berry 5-6-4 4 0060 FOOLISH TOUCH 19 (CD,F,G,S) W Museon 8-8-1

7 0000 SAY YOU WILL 14 (V,D,F,S) M Naughton 6-8-9 P Delton (7) 12

P Distant // 12 6000 20005 22 / S Wilson 4-7-15 P Burler 11 15 8000 SELLY'S SECUTION 7 N Special 4-7-11 L Champels 15 14 1237 SPEAK LOOSE 2 (BF,F/G) D Chapman 4-7-3 | Escalar (7) 15 | J Famaing (7) 15 15 0-02 HONEY'S FORTUNE 30 | Sample 3-7-9 M A Glice (5) 3 7-2 Bold Habit, 9-2 Motetor, 5-1 Perfect Chance, Donovan Rose, 7-1 Foolish Touch, 8-1 Wast Beck, 10-1 others. Course specialists

TRAINERS: M Stocks, 15 winners from 24 numers, 82.5%; W Hom, 3 from 5, 60.0%; H Cacil, 5 from 10, 50.0%; B Hills, 12 from 33, 56.4%; G Wingg, 5 from 20, 25.0%; B Hisobury, 6 from 33, 18.2%; R Lappin, 5 winners from 22 rides, 22.7%; W Carron, 4 from 20, 20.0%; W Physr, 6 from 34, 17.5%; G Carter, 8 from 48, 18.3%; K Darley, 21 from 147, 14.3%; K Fellon, 8 from 58, 13.6%.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Ayr, Wolverhampton, †Windsor, †Beverley, TUESDAY: Ayr, Beverley, †Leicester, †Folkestone. WEDNESDAY: †Sandown Park, Cetterick Bedon Vin-mouth, Hamilton Park, THURSDAY: Sandown Park, Catterick Bridge, Hamilton Park, †Chepstow FRIDAY: Newbury, Ayr. †Newmarket, Thirsk SATURDAY: New-bury, Newmarket, Ayr. Ripon, †Lingfield Park, †South-

† Denotes evening meeting

5 -024 LINPAC WEST 7 (D.S) C W C Elsey 4-9-3... K Falon 5 111- BE MY CHIEF 267 (F.G) N Cool 3-8-6...... S Cardina 7 3-21 CURIA REGIS 9 (F.G) W Hern 3-6-6....... W Ryan 4 11-10 Be My Chief, 7-2 Husyan. 5-1 Braiswick, 13-2 Curie. Regis, Light Of Morn, 10-1 Arcando, 14-1 Linpac West. FORM FOCUS BRAISWICK hampered 14/3rd to Game Plan in group if race at the Currech (I'm 21, good to yesting) latter. HISYAN disappointing 5th of 7 to Assetts at Ascot (I'm 41, good to soft) tases; better judged on senior 200 dieses to Sancte at Sanctown (I'm 21, good to sum) with ALCANDO (3to better off) Elicit. LIGHT OF MORN lest of 4 to Neyterd on latest start at Newmarket (1m, good to firm); best effort this season a 5% and to Satawan at Haydock (7t 40yd, firm). LIMPAC WEST staying-on 2 4th to Hassel at Haydock (1m 4f, soft tast week. CURIA RESIS impressed when beeting Golen Heights by 21 at Haydock (1m 4f, soft) as the season of the season's leading juvenies, won all at most is to term, including 4t detect of Baligh in group I Racing Post Trophy at Newcaste (1m, good). 3.50 RUSSIAN WINTER HANDICAP (£3,687: 51) (8) 1 1483 JONDESE BOY 21 (CD,F,S) G Moore 6-9-10 S Canthen F 2 9-29 LA CHIQUITA 31 (CD,F) T Craig 6-8-6..... B Raymond 5 3 4526 DET 49 (V,F,S) J S Wilson 4-8-11............. B Lann (f) 7 4 1916 VALLDENOSA 5 (BF,D,F,G) J Berry 4-9-7.......... K Febbox 8 5 2-94 NAVAL FAN 71 (BF,CD,F,S) M H EssayDy 4-8-6 K. Darley 2 6 2102 BELLA SEVILLE 4 (B,CD,F,G,S) T Barron 6-8-2 L Charmonk 4 4.20 CAMPBELTOWN CLAIMING STAKES (E2,553: 7f) (10) 1 2049: A CENTLEMAN THEO 17 G Moone 4.9.7 B Represed 9 2 2054 CANCOLONIC 10 N Trice 4.9.7 Ton Tricke 2 3 0034 MASTER OFTHE HOUSE 26 D CREption 4.8.7 9 6550 MISS HOSTESS 12 T Craig 3-7-8 MI A Glav (5) 3 10 68 MISS PORTIA 17 J Wass 3-7-8 P Burks 6 5-2 Marge Girl, 3-1 Fallow Dear, 5-1 Master Of The House, sa Hossess, 7-1 Durimourin, A Gentleman Two, 10-1 others. 4.50 CUMBRAES HANDICAP (£3,262: 1m 2f) (11) 1 -440 FIGURE OUT 18 (BF.F) 8 Hambury 4-9-12 8 Registered 6 2 3461 AAHSAYLAD 21 (CD.G) F Los 4-9-3 ... R Lapple (S) 11 3 2219 RUM HIGH 16 (CD.F.G) P Mitchell 7-90 W Ryon 3 4 5122 HICHOLAS MARK 15 (D.F.G) R Whiteley 6-8-11 3-1 Nicholas Mark, 4-1 Surcost, 5-1 Trip To The Moon, Run High, 7-1 Boy Emperor, 8-1 Alpha Heix, 10-1 opers, 12 005 0000 DRACK BEP Hooks 3-94... Barah Holes (5) 11 13 0000 RANNELI RESF 30 (G) D Tucker 4-9-0 13 0000 RANNELI REES 30 (G) D TUCKET 4-0-U June Southell (B) S 14 0-00 MR KENRELL 16 (V,Q) J Bennett 7-9-0 Allem Persy IS 1 3.30 OWEN TUDOR HANDICAP (23,313: 6f) (11) 1 -001 GOVERNORSHIP 36 (B_F,G) J Hite 6-10-0 D Holland (7) ? 2 3006 LETEGEOMESTABOUTHT 7 (B_CD_F) Mrs W Mccadig) 5 1130 LOOTING 7 (D_F,G_S) H O'Sulfiven 49-5 No. 10 Day 5 4 3040 DRVREP PET 22 (CD_F,G) W Wigness 5-6-6 B Rouss 8 5 3006 TAXCHMALL 7 (B_D,F,G) M Felherston-Godley 5-8-11

SALISBURY

Selections By Mandarin

2.0 Hareden, 2.30 Take Heart, 3.0 Knock Knock, 3.30 Takenhall. 4.0 El Double, 4.30 Fugler's Folly.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.0 Sea Of Love. 3.0 Hand Painted. 4.0 Abom Swift. 4.30 Fugler's Folly.

Going: firmDraw: high numbers best in sprints 2.0 EBF QUEENPOT MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,696: 7f) (11 runners)

MANASADOR ADVALE 17 P Colo 1-0 A Gramon [7] 11

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38 HAREDEN 23 G HARWOOD 9-0 A Clark 7

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11-4 Hersden, 8-2 Punch N'Run, 13-2 See Of Love, 8-1 Geeners, Greenhille Lad, Midnight Jestor, 10-1 others. 2.30 FAIR TRIAL HANDICAP (23,915: 1m) (7) 1 0201 FACT FINDER 16 (CO,F,Q,8) R Akshurst 6-9-10

9-4 Fact Finder, 11-4 Take Heart, 5-1 Sleepline Fenteny, 5-1 Grando, 8-1 Woodside Heath, 10-1 Sister Sal, Johns Joy. 3.0 RAGU PASTA SAUCE CUP (Handicap: amateurs: £2,742: 1m 2f) (14)

1 2891 KNOCK KNOCK 21 (0,F,0) (Building 5-11-7

8 5024 PULSINGH 14 (CDF.0) C Berstead 5-7-13 N Adente 8 9 0-00 JALEES 16 (B) G Gracey 6-7-11 N Berlinus (6) 1 10 -000 ACROW LINE 28 (CF) J Fox 5-7-10 R Free (5) 8 11-4 Pupie's Folly, 7-2 Incola 9-2 Inspired Love, 5-1 Publings, 6-1 Acrow Line, 8-1 Fregrent Park, 10-1 others. Course specialists

8 6441 PICOLA 21 (S) H Candy 4-8-9. C 7 2000 INSPIRED LOVE 16 F Variety 5-8-1. R W

TRAINCRS: G Harwood, 35 winners from 116 runners, 30.2%; I Balding, 23 from 144, 16.0%; P Cole, 18 from 114, 14.0%; J Subditle, 5 from 37, 13.5%; R Asehurst, 6 from 46, 13.0%; K Gunningham-Brown, 3 from 24, 12.5%.

4.6 EBF MYROBELLA MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O:

5-2 El Dousse 11-4 Aborn Swrit, 4-1 Whitton Lad, 6-1 Abie Jet, 6-1 Bellestrend, 10-1 Set Aside, 12-1 others.

4.30 CRESTED LARK HANDICAP (\$2,700: 1m 4f)

£2,413: 5f) (10)

JOCKEYS: Miss J Allison, 4 winners from 6 rides, 66.7%; A Clerk, 7 from 50, 14.0%. (Only qualifiens). 8 8220 RATHERDES JOY 47 (F) J Weinwright 2-5-9
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SOUTHWELL

Selections

By Mandarin 6.30 Desired Lace, 7.0 Allegra, 7.30 No More The Fool. 8.0 Saun Lake, 8.30 Dance Partout, 9.0 Harvest Splendour.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 6.30 Star Glory. 7.0 Allegra. 7.30 Devils Dirga. 8.0 Sir Nick. 8.30 Dance Partout. 9.0 Victorious

Going: standard

Draw: 81-71, low numbers best

6.30 PEACOCK SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,469: 1 0 GIBRALTAR WALK J Jenkins 8-11 A McClone 8
2 0 GOLD MINISTREL 7 Mrs A King 8-11 Deen McKechen 7
3 0 GREETLAND ROCK 8 J Berry 8-11 Deen McKechen 7
4 MARTINI EXECUTIVE W Pearse 8-11 B Busses 5
5 0 MATE'S MRAGE 91 (8) 7 Barron 8-11 G Busses 5
6 0022 OLIROAN 9 M Elerby 8-11 S Busses 5
7 23 DESRED LACE 14 M British 8-5 M W Wighers 4
8 64 GB DED OMEN 9 M PESSON 8-6 G DeTrield 9
9 LILLINE W Musson 8-6 G DeTrield 9
10 0000 MRSS MEASURE 7 (8) M W Easterby 8-6 M Consorton 12
11 03 RUE DU CIRQUE 30 (8) N Callaghen 8-6 M Tebuts 6
12 3052 STAR GLORY 8 P (Relevely 8-6 M Consorton 12
7-2 Oliroan 5-1 Desired 1 acc. Star (Sizry, 13-2 Greetland

7-2 Oliroan, 5-1 Desired Lace, Star Glory, 13-2 Greetland Rock, 8-1 Gaded Omen, Miss Measure, 12-1 others. 7.0 SKIPPER MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,060: 1m

1 DASCH 18 E Edin 9-0 E Guest 11
2 0425 FALSE ALLEGATION 7 (8) B Hembury 9-0 Nicholis 4
4 00 MEESON CODE 28 M Mutphy 9-0 W Whenton 10
5 00 MOBLE PARTNER 248 O Muttay Smith 9-0 M Wilgham 6
4 ALLEGRA 21 J Gooden 8-9 G Optime 7
4 DONNA VENEZIANA 67 J Duniop 8-9 G Optime 7
5 00 MOREC GEN Ludy Herries 8-9 G Pester (7) 6
9 30 RANDAMA SM South 8-9 Deen McKoom 9
10 00 SOLOMONS GRR. 19 J Jenkins 8-9 R Street 11
115-8 Bandama 5-2 Allegra 4-1 False Allegation. 11-2 15-8 Randama, 5-2 Allegra, 4-1 False Allegation, 11-2 Donna Venezuna, 11-1 Nortolk Gem, 14-1 others.

7.30 LOCKWOOD GROUP HANDICAP (\$2,532: 1m

2 6111 NO MORE THE FOOL 3 (B,C,D,F,Q,S) J Borry 4-10-0 2 6117 NO MORE THE POOL 3 (B.C.D.F.B.5) J Berry 4-10-8
S Glac (7) 5
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8 0009 NUNCRELE CAT 8 8 MoMent 4-8-4 July 10 000- RANN-H-SUN 1944 (V) J Harris 4-8-1 J Control 11 0545 NBLC-LERE 33 J Glover 4-8-0 G Carter 12 0006 OXFORD PADOV 16 (8) FI O'Llery 3-7-7 F Norton (7) 13 0009 0004434 NOUSE 11 T Kerney 3-7-7 A Proud 14 -055 DEAR OLD GIRL 8 D Thom 3-7-7 J Love 2-1 No More The Fool, 7-2 Rethbrides Joy, 11-2 Amadore, 8.0 CABBAGE WHITE HANDICAP (22.385: 1m 60 3-1 Dancing Cove. 4-1 Satin Lake.
8.30 BUTTERFLY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: 1 3 DANCE PARTOUT 18 (NF) N Callighan 9-0 1 3 DANCE PARTOUT 19 (BF) N Calleghen 9-0
2 00 FAUSTUS LAD 9 M British 9-0 M Wighem 3
3 332 HOOTING DON 21 (B) J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 1
4 JOLLY FISHERMAN M CRopmen 9-0 J Carroll 1
5 SENTIMENTALITY 6 K hory 9-0 G Barqued 9
6 SENTIMENTALITY 6 K hory 9-0 G Carroll 1
7 SPECIAL REQUEST K hory 9-0 G Carroll 1
8 WOMEN THE 14 E Alexan 9-0 J Wighter 5
8 HELBISTILLE 19 M Janes 8-9 J Glaim 6
10 5 MANCHEATTAN 18 W O'COMMO 6-0 A MILLION 1
11 WYSTICLE HELL 109 J WINDSON 9-0 1
12 10 OCCUMBA 23 M Carroll 8-9 N Connectos 12
13 TES 0 Home 9-1 R Turner (7) 7
11-8 Dance Persout, 11-4 Hooting Don, 5-1 Makemester, 0
0 RED ADMIRAL HANDICAP (3-Y-O: 92 532-1 m) 9.0 RED ADMIRAL HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,532: 1m) 1 0030 BACK RAISE 30 S Norton 9-7 D Nicholis 3 2 5558 O'SSIGN'S GALJON'TER 21 R Thompson 9-7 R Price (1) 2 3 005) HARVEST SPLENDOM M / WHILE 9-7

5-2 Harvest Splendour, 7-2 Matasam, 9-9 Colour Scheme, Course specialists

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 3 winners from 5 runners, 60.0%; Lady Herries, 5 from 11, 45.5%, T Berron, 20 from 58, 34.5%, E Gide, 3 from 10, 30.0%; J Duniop, 6 from 29, 27 6%, Jimmy Fitzgerald, 5 from 21, 23.8%. JOCKEYS: Alex Greaves, 20 winners from 43 rides, 48.5%; M Tebbutt, 3 from 11, 27.3%; G Carter, 8 from 64, 12.5%; G Duffield, 9 from 74, 12.2%; S Wood, 8 from 73, 11.0%; Deen McKeown, 5 from 46, 10.9%.

Parting Moment primed

THE Ian Balding-trained Partexcellent opportunity of going one better in tomorrow's group three St Leger Italiano (Im 641)

at Turin.
Parting Moment, already a nents and looks sure to start a respectively. warm favounte.

THE Ian Balding-trained Parting Moment (Bruce Raymond), Italian juvenile, disappointed



Nangarar can help Stoute enjoy profitable afternoon

(MICHAEL PHILLIPS) WHILE Walter Swinburn endeavours to win the Irish

handicap for his stable.

and Nangarar have something in common in that they both over 11/2 miles for women riders during the previous meeting on the Knavesmire.

Since then Bold Fox has given Nangarar's form a boost by scoring again at Sandown where he beat Akdam, a winner by four lengths at as it was over 10 furlongs that

By Mandarin

2.00 Kestrel Forboxes.

2.35 Aimaam. 3.10 No Submission.

140 Weld. 4.15 Nangarar.

5.15 Bold Double.

4.45 Final Sh

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Going: good



ride on Nangarar

Selections

By Michael Seely 2.35 Aimeem. 4.15 NANGARAR (nap).

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BETTING: 4-7 Almeem, 7-2 Lear Leader, 7-1 State Plyer, 10-1 Broom lete, 16-1 Question Of Honour,

TIME BROADWAY STAR 0-11 & Raymond (11-10 km) M (Ind 5 nm

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izen Lici) M Brittain 5-7-9 BETTING: 11-4 Causley, 7-2 Ned's Aura, 4-1 No Submission, 11-2 Gensir, 8-1 St Ninien, 12-1 Royal Estimates, 20-7 Roy Hobbs.

1985 STELL SUPPLIED 4-9-0 B Repriced (4-1) R Stellador S rev

FORM FOCUS NED'S AUTA best good to firm on penultrate must with 4T AUMAN (the bests of followed up with a head defeat of Gold Prospect in an 11-day was subsequently 47 ft of 20 to Bold Fox in a way was able handicap at Sandown (the 21-good to thrift NO SUBSECTION A rect. 2nd to Recent Core in a 12-runner handicap at Windsor (1m 70yd, good to a 12-runner handicap at Windsor (1m 70yd, good to the 12 runner handicap at Windsor (1m 70yd, good to the 12 runners).

3.40 POSTER'S SILVER CUP STAKES (Listed race: £10,867: 1m 6f) (4

1 AlliAAM 16 (P) (H Al-Maldours) J Dunion 9-0.

12 LEAR LEADER 67 (P) (D C Sharing) C Neison 9-0.

13 PLEASANT THREE (M BYTESEN) M BITEMER 8-11.

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3.10 JOHN SHITH'S BITTER HANDICAP (£4,386: 1m) (7 runners)

2.0 JERVAULX SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: 24,230: 8f) (5 runners)

2.35 FRIARGATE STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,503: 7f) (7 runners)

Draw: 5f-6f, low numbers best

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By Our Newmarket Correspondent

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distinction had little to beat and started at very short odds. Today, Lord Florey's opposition is infinitely stronger now that it comprises Green Line Express, who was runner-up to Zilzal in the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood last summer, Pride Of Araby, a close third in the Royal Hunt Cup at Ascot when carrying a big weight, Daarik and the unbeaten Enharmonic.

memory of this year's Royal meeting remains that Lord Florey was desperately un-

Husyan, but also Braiswick and the improving Curia

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BETTING: 4-1 Black Monday, 5-1 Bashful Boy, Nangerer, 6-1 Pire Top, 7-1 Eradicata, Karazen, 8-1 Inded, Monastery, 10-1 Army Ot Stars, 12-1 others.

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1 5-216 HURRICANE POWER 21 (D.G.) (Al-Deers Bloodetook) J Hudeon 9-1 T Williams
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1 5-2351 SHARFALTO 14 (2) (Biliprow Boodstock) E Wheeler 8-13 W Newmont
1 122103 PINNACLE POINT 7 (D.F.G.) (A Goodjohn) J Peeros 8-11 P Turser (7)
9-14026 ALL PRIED UP 16 (D.F.G.) (C Winging R Wilsons 8-11 M Roberts
3184 RANCHO SERAGE 21 (0) (J Redmond) J Wists 8-11 Deen Bickbowe
1 9-80022 PINAL SHOT 22 (F) (P Hurst) M H Eastgrby 8-8 M Birch 9
40-3230 CROPT VALLEY 22 (Miss V Prett) R Windsker 8-0 S Wood (3)
000000 SPANISH REALM 5 (F.G.S) (M British) M British 7-7 P Nerton (7)
handosc: Spanish Resin 7-0.

Long handcap: Spanish Realm 7-0. BETTING: 7-2 Rancho Miraga, 9-2 Pirmecie Point, 5-1 Ikasb, 6-1 Final Shot, Sharpelto, 8-1 Ali Fired Up, Eager Deve, Huntcene Power, 12-1 others.

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MEALER (4D Detter Off) 71 7th.

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Selection: SHARPALTO

5.15 FISHERGATE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O; £4.581; 5f) (11 runners)

1	(10)		BOLD DOUBLE 12 (V.D.F) (Mrs D Weatherby) C Nelson 9-7 Paul Eddery
2	(3)		KARIMPS KID 21 (D.G) (M Santis) R Boss 9-5
3	(6)	221	ALLINSON'S MATE 51 (D,F) (W Spink) T Burron 8-2 Alon Grooves (B)
4	(6) (B)	11	MANIZEN MUSIC 55 (D.F.) (Minizen Ltd) M Britain 9-0 T Williams
	(11)		PIABA 14 (D,G) (H Reuben) M Tompkins 8-13, C Hedgeon (T)
8	(4)	001	RICKETTY & (D,S) (R Edwards) M W Easterby 8-7 M Reports
	(2)	031	GRACELAND LADY 23 (D,G) (Mrs & Tirced) M H Easterby 8-5 M Birch
	Ö	8185	NORTHERN HOST 7 (D.F) (Miss 2 Blakey) R Stubbs 8-5 A Mackey
	(iii)		STONELEIGH ABSEY 10 (G Familian) H Hollinshead 8-4 G Hand (3)
	(1)	026	GREAT MUSIC 21 (BF) (J Pickard) J Warningril 8-3 W Novince
	(9)	8121	GORINSKY 15 (F) (W Robertson) J Berry 8-0 5 Comments
	ETTING	5-2 R	icketty, 7-2 Flebs, 5-1 Karim's Kid, 7-1 Bold Double, Graceland Lady, 8-1 Gorin

1989: HAUNTING BEAUTY 8-8 G Center (2-1 tav) J Etherington 9 ran

Course specialists

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Selections

By Mandarin 2.00 Millfields Lady. 2.30 Middle Kingdom. 3.00 LORD FLOREY (nap). 3.30 Riverain. 4.00 Dream Of Tomorrow.

SETTING: Evene Alphebel, 5-2 Weins, 5-1 Weld, 10-1 Tempering.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.00 Front Line Romance. 2.30 Bridal Toast.
3.00 LORD FLOREY (nap).
3.30 Riverain.

Michael Seety's selection: 3.00 Lord Florey. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 GREEN LINE EXPRESS.

Going: good to firm (straight course); firm (round course) \$15 Draw: high numbers best up to 7f 140yd 2.0 MAIL ON SUNDAY THREE YEAR OLD SERIES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: BBC)

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FORM FOCUS FRONT LINE ROthe high class Moon Caclus in a listed race at
Goodwood (Im 2f, good to firm).

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reappearance at Wolverhampton (Im 1f, firm). AROmanufact (Im, good) to firm), firming over 1m at
MATIC, a useful juvanile when winning over 18 in
Pontefract (Im, good to firm), firshed 17th of 18 in
the Derby when acting as pacemaker.

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Guide to our in-line racecard

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3.30 SEEBOARD NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £4,737: 7f) (6 runners)

1985: NO CONNESPONDING NACE 4.0 WOOD PRINTING GROUP CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,427: 6f) (4 runners) 1 (4) 2241 DREAM OF TOMORROW 29 (D) (Mrs V O'Brien) J Berry 8-11 M Hills 9 99
2 (3) SMICCHE SELIEF (Mess J Creambury in Ferranston-Godiny 9-5 R Hills —
3 (1) SILVER HEELS (R Glum) R Hamnon 8-5 R Cochains —
4 (2) 0 COR 'A' GHARL 17 (Gles Prachard-Gordon) R Smyth 8-4 A Martinez (7) —
BETTING: 6-4 Dream Of Tomorrow, 9-4 Coir 'A' Ghail, 7-2 Silver Heels, 5-1 Sincere Belief. TRUE NO CORRESPONDING RACE

1 (2) 4 CENTERLAND 29 (Ecurie Fustoli) M Moubarsk 9-0 L Dettorf 84
2 (1) 4-22 (TTBAAL 14 (8F) (Hamdan Al-Marksum) H Thomson Jones 8-9 R Hills 9-99
3 (3) 0-506 POSSEBELLE 17 (T Dannels) M Haynes 8-9 R Cockrame 82
4 (4) 55-P008 ZHYAGO'S PASSION 14 (V) (N Bryca-Smath) J Brydger 8-9 S Dewson 82 BETTING: 11-10 Itilisasi, 11-8 Centerland, 5-1 Possebelle, 16-1 Zhivago's Passion. Course specialists

4.30 JOHN PHILLPOTTS MADEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,394: 6f) (4 runners)

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who ran second to River God in the Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot last month, looks to have an events, for which he started an odds-on favourite.

A wind problem was subsequently diagnosed, and Carlo
D'Alessio's colt has since run well in the Derby Italiano and listed winner at Lyon this Gran Premio di Milano, where season, faces only five oppohe finished sixth and fifth

The Lorenzo Brogi-trained Epicarmo (Marco Paganini) is the only one likely to make a race of it with the British raider.

Blinkered first time
LINGSPILID PARK: 2.0 Rection, 430
Zimago's Passon, SOUTHWELL: 630
Rus Os Circus 7.30 Ran-N-Sun, 8.0 Top
Company, 8.30 Hooting Don.

Star of India plummets to English earth

ate in 1907, Ranji – or His Highness the Jam Sahib of Nawanagar as he was now known — returned to England for the first the first time since becoming ruler of the state. His arrival was keenly awaited by the British public, whose hearts he had won forever with his captivating and extraordinarily successful methods at the batting crease for Sussex and England, Ranji, now that he had achieved his ultimate ambition. was equally anxious to renew the acquaintance.

The authorized biography of Ranji said of this visit: "He was now paramount in his own land, and he wished to repay all the hospitality he had received in England. His chance had come to show gratitude, and he did so right royally ... He determined to resume his old life on a new level of lavish hospitality. He contem-plated with delight the parties he would give, the friends who would stay with him for a whole season's

Shortly after he arrived, he gave a reunion dinner in London for many of his old friends, and once he had settled in to the beautiful country residence he was renting at Shillinglee Park, between the Sussex Downs and the Surrey hills, the magnificent house parties began. Despite an announcement he had made in *The Times*, abandoning plans for a large celebration, it had been reported in England that his installation the previous March was an event on the grandest scale and so expectations of opulence must have been high. In such matters, Ranji had never been one to disappoint: with a large staff of servants, hospitality was lavished on a host of the aristocracy and leading cricketers. Yet the impression of benevo-

lence was not quite what it seemed. During the first nine months of his stay in England, it is not certain that Ranji paid any of his bills satisfactorily. He ran up sizeable accounts with a number of tradesmen, including a supplier of large quantities of pheasant, a Birmingham wine merchant (from whom he also got supplies of port shipped back to Jamnagar, his capital); a York bookseller and stationer, a laundry firm; and a firm of millers.

Having had for years a natural desire for extravagance curbed by regular reminders that his resources were sadly limited, Ranji apparently interpreted his newfound wealth as a signal to feed that extravagance to excess, and all other thoughts of money went from his mind. It never seemed to occur to him that his failure to pay might stick in the minds of others. As far as he was concerned, the acts of extravagance were what atoned for all the generous hospitality he had received in the past; actually paying for them had

no significance whatsoever. Nor were his English creditors of Jasdan, a small state in Western India, and an old schoolfriend of Ranji's, was anxious to recover £10,000 - well over £350,000 at modern prices - which Ranjitsinhji had borrowed from him in Apríl 1904.

The public in England was anxious to know if its idol was going to make a return to the firstclass cricket field during the summer of 1908; whether indeed he was capable of making a return. Ranji's thoughts had been working along the same lines and, with the assistance of the professional bowlers among his guests at Shillinglee Park, he practised hard during May. Towards the end of the month he made his reappearance, in The Parks at Oxford for the Gentlemen of England against the University. It was, curiously, his first match on the ground and he scored nine and 31.

The change in him was immediately noticeable; despite recent illness, he was so obviously much stouter than in 1904, and

not so fleet-footed, while Ranji himself found that, although his defence was as sound as ever, he could no longer trust himself to run the risks with the unorthodox strokes. Two of his entourage played in the match: the young Thakor Sahib of Rajkot, and A. C MacLaren, the Lancashire and England batsman, and Ranji's personal secretary, who was also playing his first match of the season and who failed abjectly.

After that, until September, Ranji was to confine himself to matches in Sussex and London, and every time he played he was feted as though it was the last the crowds would ever see of him. Nine days after the Oxford match, he was back for his county, batting he was back for his county, batting at No. 6 against Kent on his old hunting ground at Brighton, but the crowds there saw little of his former splendour. Those at Lord's, for the next match against Middlesex, were more fortunate, as he occupied the crease for a total of five hours 45 minutes for 153 not out and 78.

This was his first match in London for almost four years, and it aroused a great deal of interest. Ranji, as usual, knew how to rise to the occasion. C. H. B. Pridham recalled: "Everybody had come to see Ranji and the large attendance see Ranji, and the large attendance was agog with excitement ...

Then, as soon as the last batsman (No. 5) disappeared up the pavil-ion steps, all eyes remained fixed on the centre gate, but Ranji – like tenterbooks. It seemed as if the full two-minute allowance must have expired by the time we caught the first glimpse of him; but even before that a chorus of applause broke out all around the ground, to be maintained unceasingly until after he had taken his guard. It was an entry magnificently timed, and a grand ovation. The thought of it will remain as long as life lasts — the delight of the crowd at seeing once more that fascinating figure; the jaunty stride out to the crease - no one has ever walked to the wicket quite as Ranji

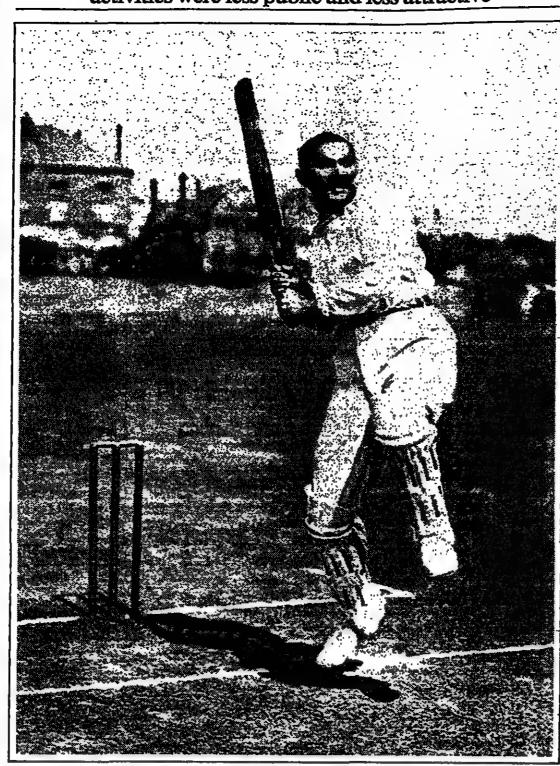
Pridham added that this was the time when Ranji returned to the dressing-room to receive the congratulations of MacLaren and others, only to reply with typically severe self-criticism: "No, I was not playing well; look at my pads, they are not clean." Shortly after this triumph, Ranji

took a month off from the championship, preferring to appear in the less strenuous appear in the less strenuous fixtures against the University sides and the more glamorous ones against the Players, but, although he was reported as saying there were no longer any good bowlers in England, his form was never anything other than Naturally, the Sussex club must

have been pleased to have had his services again, but his approach was far more carefree and he was available only when his hectic and distracting social life permitted. With his friend C. B. Fry, though captain, hesitating before of June to play in the championship amid rumours that he was about to join Hampshire, their effect on the morale of the side was far from helpful. Wisden pointedly remarked: "Playing in some matches and standing out of others, Ranjitsinhji and Fry might be compared to the stars of an opera company. They did brilliant things themselves but they did not help the ensemble." The two of them also played in the Gentlemen's shambolic two-day defeat at the hands of the Players at Lord's, when they were unable to prevent from becoming public their disappointment that neither of them

had been made captain. One day in April of 1908, Ranji gave a sitting to a Mrs Mary Tayler, an artist who specialised in miniature portraits of Europe's aristocracy. She went to Shilling-lee and took lunch with Ranji, MacLaren, Henry Tuke (another eminent artist already in the process of painting the Jam Sahib's portrait, and whose finished

Kumar Shri Ranjitsinhji — or Ranji, as he was known was the most gifted cricketer of the game's Golden Age. He was the first batsman to challenge W. G. Grace's many records, but as Simon Wilde reveals, off the field his activities were less public and less attractive



usly before making his strike model come to her studio, but the

picture was to be exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1909) and various other house guests. Then, for two hours, she and Tuke worked while Ranji sat, probably observed for at least part of the time by some of his friends. His jewels and decorations were produced for her to sketch and she pleasant experience.

A flerwards, according to Mrs Tayler, she and MacLaren discussed a price and agreed on 100 guineas for one ivory miniature, or 180 for a pair. When she asked for half the amount by cheque in advance, MacLaren went into another room, where Ranji was discussing building designs for his palace, and returned to say His Highness was not in a position to approve the advance but promised to send her the money by cheque by that evening's post. Before she left she did in fact see Ranji again but all he did was help her pack up, hand her a wrapped turban in cloth of gold to work from, and promise to send to her London studio later that day the robes she was to represent him as also wearing.

More than once during the days

that followed, Mrs Tayler had a

robes failed to arrive, as did the cheque. She began to write repeated enquiries as to why these promises had been broken, but received only a series of unsatisfactory replies from Macdays finishing and perfecting two to Ranji. After two weeks Mac-Laren returned them, saying that in Ranji's opinion they were not at all like him and that she had been

told from the start not to expect

payment until His Highness had

seen and approved her work. On hearing this, Mrs Tayler issued a writ for 180 guineas against the Jam Sahib in the High Court. An anxiety to recover her fee was not the only motive; her professional pride was hurt by the unfavourable opinion of the miniatures. Aithough able to take consolation in her generally flourishing reputation - she was even asked to paint another portrait of Ranji by a man delighted at the Jam Sahib's century against Middlesex at Lord's - she could not rid herself

of the memory of this slight. In September, Edward VII's wife, Queen Alexandra, before commissioning Mrs Tayler to paint her portrait, was shown some of her work, and on seeing one of the miniatures of Ranji had commented that it "glorified his likeness". The artist later confided in a letter: "He is so marked by smallpox one would say this as the marks are not shown in my work."

It was soon apparent, though, that Mrs Tayler was going to have to wait if she wanted her claim heard in the High Court, and her to a county court. This is what she did, though to do so it was necessary for her to reduce her claim to £100. The case was referred to Brighton and Edward Hunt, Ranjitsinhji's solicitor, later protested that the case had only been switched there to deliberately and unfairly arouse publicity. "A number of officials and clerks in two county courts in the districts of which my client resides and is constantly playing cricket, knew of

Mrs Tayler's opinion, though, was that her summons had "annoyed and astonished them all. particularly so as the Jam was already exceedingly well known in the Brighton county court"; it was her belief that Ranjitsinhii's debts ran into thousands of pounds. It may have been the adverse publicity he was receiving in the courts that accounted for his sudden and unexplained disappearance from the first-class cricket field after his doublecentury against Surrey late in July.

He was to spend the following four weeks at Gilling and Shillingles Park, where he staged a three-day, 12-a side match against a Cambridge team, scoring 103 not out at No. 11 in a total of 599, before

No. 11 in a total of 399, being going shooting in Scotland.

When Mrs Tayler's case came up for hearing, Hunt immediately entered a plea on behalf of his client that he was exempt from the jurisdiction of the courts of England because he was the ruling land because he was the ruling. sovereign of an independent state. This was not the first time Hunt had made this plea in an English" court that summer and it was because the magistrate had al-ready heard a similar claim against the Jam Sahib that he decided on this occasion not to dismiss the case on the grounds cited by Hunt but to adjourn it, in order to establish whether indeed Ranjitsinhji could be regarded as in charge of an independent state and therefore entitled to claim immunity. The magistrate said that an interesting and important point had been raised, which had to be gone into sooner or later. However, before the magistrate

could complete his enquiries, the case was settled by other means. Mrs Tayler had asked Walter Mrs Tayler had asked Walter.
Long, a Conservative MP for almost 30 years, to request that Lord Morley, the Secretary of State for India, should intervene on her behalf. The India Office replied that Morley could not do so formally but that he would attempt to use his private influence with Ranjitsinhii. This seemed to do the trick because on seemed to do the trick because on July 30 Hunt proposed that if Mrs. Tayler would withdraw her court action his client would reconsider her claim and, even if they could selves, would be willing to submit to the arbitration of a third party. Mrs Tayler agreed, and the case

Seven weeks clapsed and still no offer of any payment was made to her. She began to suspect that Ranjitsinhii's solicitor was deliberately procrastinating. Hunt accounted for the delay by saying it was necessary to first consult MacLaren, who had been involved in the original discus about her fee, but that MacLaren. had been involved in a motor

the country.
On Monday, October 5 Mrs
Tayler learnt how "astonishingly
careless in their handling of the truth" (as she was to write in a letter to Sir Curzon Wyllie, the political aide-de-camp to Lord Morley at the India Office) Mac-Laren and Hunt had been. That morning she read a newspaper report of MacLaren's appearance in Guildford county court the previous Saturday for non-payment of the rates on his house in Alford Parish, which adjoined hillinglee. MacLaren claimed that the house had been taken for him by Ranjitsinhii, but the magistrate ruled that the rates were in respect of the premises and that they belonged to Macthe following Tuesday, the mag-istrate added, a distress warrant would be issued. As this was the last that was heard of the matter, MacLaren must have paid up, although he probably had to go to

Raniitsinhii for the money. Mrs Tayler immediately wrote to Wyllie, with whom she had recently been in correspondence: "I have this morning heard that there is not, nor has there been a single thing the matter with the Jam Sahib of Nawanagar's personal secretary, Mr A. C. Mac-Laren. The statement made to you therefore by the representative of Messrs Redfern and Hunt by way of excuses for not having paid my claim are absolutely false.

"The enclosed cutting will show you more plainly than any words of mine what Mr MacLaren's code of honour is. He has carefully instructed the Jam Sahib of Nawanagar in the same - the result of it all will be many, many will be 'let in' for large sums, of which a penny will never be paid These people are so insulting, and though I am quite certain in your presence they behave as they should, out of it, by a letter now before me, they say, What can the India Office or Chlonel Sir Curzon Wyllie do? ie they mean to go on making untrue excuses and untrue statements. The people of

statements. The people of Navanagar are not very well represented by their Jam Sahib."
After this, officials at the India Office began to heed her fears that Hunt was delaying with a view to Ranji fleeing the country. On November 3 they themselves they said adjudicated on her case. They said that because Mrs Tayler had been foolish enough to keep no copy of the letter in which she made her original request for a sitting (Hunt said the letter was missing, either lost or destroyed), she could not substantiate her claim. However, they retained plenty of criticism for the other party — "the Jam Sahib and his ridiculous private constraints for her before the blens for barries. secretary are to blame for keeping the miniatures so long" - and felt that, in consideration of his position and as an act of grace. Ranjitsinhii ought to pay her £25.

he certier case the Brighing Ranjitsinhii was one instituted by four Misses Welch against him, Billy Murdoch, the former Sussex and Australia captain, and his wife, and a Mr F. W. Clements, to recover £923 5s 5d from the terms of an 1896 deed of covenant, the details of which are sadly un-known Ranji had issued a summons asking that his imme be struck out of the action and although his claim was upheld, the plaintiffs had been given the right to appeal, which was heard in early July by the Judge in Chamber at the Royal Counts of Justice.

Revealingly, the vital evidence.

Revealingly, the vital evidence at the hearing came from the India Office, which had been asked by the courts to confirm whether Ranjitsinhii was an independent sovereign and confiled to the privileges he claimed. The undersecretary had replied that the matter was one for the courts to decide, but added: "The Jam has been recognised by the Government of India as a ruting chief governing his own territories under the suzeramty of His Majesty. The Government of India do not regard or treat His Highness's territory as being part of British India or of His Majesty's dominious and they do not regard dominious and they do not regard or treat him or his subjects as subjects of His Majesty." Hardly surprisingly, the judge interpreted this as meaning Ranjitsinhii was indeed an independent sovereigh.

In early October, the plaintiffs, convinced there must be some means by which they could re-cover their money, appealed again. Their solicitors wrote to the India Office for assistance, un-aware that it had been the source of their earlier deleat. Their case, they said, was to show that Ranji to do so, they were going to argue that he had been made the roling. chief of Nawanagar by ministers of King Edward VII, who was his suzerain and to whom he owed allegiance. Could the India Office, they asked, provide any evidenceof the circumstances of his acces sion, particularly the supervision exercised by the Resident and the Government of India and thus tacitly accepted by Ranjitsinhji?

This was a penetrating line of argument, but one to which the India Office failed to give an adequate answer. It did what it had been doing for the past several months, to most of the appeals for help made on behalf of Mrs. Tayler, the Misses Welch and Ranjitsinhii's numerous other creditors it sent back a series of vague and unhelpful replies that threatened to ruin their case.

Adapted from Ranji: A Genius Rich and Strange, by Simon Wilde, published on May 31 by Kingswood Press (£14.99).

Such intimacy gives Lloyd

A flight in a Spitfire and a day at Glorious Goodwood

competition offering the mile and two furlongs. chance to enjoy a most unusual double prize — a flight in a Spitfire and a day's racing at modation in London on the Glorious Goodwood on August 3, plus two nights' accommodation at a leading London

For this competition, we have linked with the soonsors of the Leslie and Godwin Spitfire Stakes, the race that was known as the Extel Handicap. Leslie and Godwin are leading underwriters. The race is a handicap for three-

The winner, with a guest, will have overnight accomnights of August 2 and 3, with dinner in a first-class restaurant on the first night and in the hotel on the second night. They will have a chauffeur-driven car to take them to the aerodrome on the morning of August 3 for the winner to have his Spitfire flight. They will have lunch and tea in the Members' Restaurant in the Charlton Stand at Goodwood.

ENTRY FORM

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY: Employees (and their relatives) of Times Newspapers Ltd. Lesse and Godwin or their agents are not eligible for entry. The Sports Editor's decision is final. No correspondence

THE Times today presents a year-olds and is run over a And they will be driven back

For the runner-up, with guest, there is the same itinerary, but without the Spitfire To enter, study the questions below, complete the

entry form, and send it to Leslie and Godwin Spitfire competition, Sports Depart-ment, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN, to arrive by Monday, July 23. The winner and the runner-up will be the senders of the first two correct entries drawn from those received by the closing date.

THE QUESTIONS 1.When did Goodwood stage its first racing under Jockey

Club rules? 2. Who was the winning jockey in the Extel Handicap at Goodwood last year?

3. When did the Charlton

Stand open at Goodwood? 4.In which year did the first Spitfire fly? 5.Pat Eddery and Willie Carson each rode five winners at the 1989 Goodwood July

meeting. Who was the other

jockey with five winners at

the meeting?

TWO of yesteryear's sporting heroes, John Watson and David Lloyd, take a step into the past this weekend as they seek fresh fame as broadcasters. Watson is back at Silverstone for the British Grand Prix, which in 1981 was the stage for one of his five grand prix victories, and Lloyd returns to Lord's, where he played in six cup finals for Lancashire, captaining them on four occasions and coming

away victorious on as many. The studious, self-effacing Ulsterman and the elegant batsman who opened nine times for England are just two of the ex-sportsmen being recruited by the new satellite channels, and both are quickly earning reputations for quality reporting.

Watson is Eurosport's answer to the BBC's James Hunt. He still races (sports cars these days, not Formula One) and like Hunt he has those years of experience in the driving seat to sense when something is wrong, and, sometimes, what is wrong before it is apparent to most.

There is no hysteria, no character assassination if a driver makes a mistake; merely a sofily-spoken, concise explanation — he knows what it is like to make a mistake at 180mph. Watson loves the home of British

"They say the British are not emotional." he said.

Quality performances from sporting masters

whenever I think about Silverstone in 1981. Winning the race was the key, but not what I most remember. Hearing those thousands cheering, seeing them pour over the barriers was the most emotional thing anyone could ever experience.

Watson was cheered by the Ferrari successes in Mexico and France which led to renewed demands for hospitality boxes and Silverstone grandstand seats that are all sold. "It could not have come at a better time," he said. And one of those Ferrari drivers, Nigel Mansell, second in Mexico and hopeful of winning again on his home circuit, was

Eurosport do not simply turn up for race day; they started their preparations for the Silverstone event more than two weeks ago. Two

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

TOMORROW: Nigel Mansell at-tempts to win the British Grand Prix (BBC 2, 1.25; Eurosport, 12.30). MONDAY: Colin Jackson goes in the high hurries at the Pearl Assurance Games (Channel 4,

TUESDAY: A (northern) Fisher-man's Diary - the second in a new sense, which sees Derek Law going after trout (BBC 1, 11.30am). WEDNESDAY: The old master, Kapil Dev, and the young master, SPORT ON TV: THE WEEK

KEN LAWRENCE'S guide to the best in televised sport in the

bubbling with praise about Eurosport's motor racing coverage. They have to be complimented. They have brought a new dimension to our sport and John Watson is a most perceptive com-mentator," he said.

Tenduikar, just 17, take on England in the one-day Texaco Trophy international at Headingley (BBC 2, 10.35).

THURSDAY: First day of golf's greatest championship at the world's greatest course — The Open from St Andrews (BBC 1 or 2 from 10.00 until 7.35pm; Eurosport from

FRIDAY: A double bill — golf from Scotland, one-day International cricket from Trent Bridge (BSC 1 and/or 2 from 9.30 until 7.30; Eurosport from noon),

amptonshire circuit for tyre testing and they will be there again this weekend for prac-tice; the results of that preparation can be seen at 9.30 this morning and again this evening, and with their

live race coverage tomorrow, which starts at 12,30. They will also repeat the whole race at 11.00pm. BBC will have the public school tones of Hunt to counter the rather higher decibels of Murray Walker at the final practice session today (BBC 1, 12.30) and the race itself in Sunday Grandstand (from 1.25pm). David Lloyd, who has

found life as a radio commentator with the Test Match Special team "amusing", will walk every step of the way with the Lancashire and Worcestershire players as they journey from the dressing room to the field at their Benson and Hedges Cup final today.

"You are very, very con-

scious of the Long Room, with its leather upholstered armchairs. It is a hall of fame; you walk through, down the steps, past the members and you are there. Yes, Lord's is a bit

his feet for the game and certainly accounts for his show every ball of the 55-over game which, as cricket's marketing men will no doubt have noted, rubbing their hands, is the first Lord's final to be televised exclusively live...

If Lord's is the stately home of cricket, then St Andrews is surely the cathedral of golf. and the two up-and-coming satellite commentators can listen and learn from the high priest of golf spokesman, Peter Alliss, next week. Here is another one-time sportsman (a Ryder Cup player, of course) whose sharp awareness and knowledge have made him a magnificent television reporter.

His measured words will bring the Open to life from St Andrews (virtually non-stop coverage on BBC all-day). Thursday and sharing with the one-day Texaco Trophy cricket international on Friday and on Eurosport from noon each day).

Bislett means as much to athletes as Lord's and St Andrews do to cricketers and golfers. Peter Elliott, in stunning form, aims to win the Dream Mile, and those twin masters of the commentating art, David Coleman and Ron Pickering, will report every stride with immense authority (BBC 1 tonight 9.45)

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the FA and League were to possible fusion of the two

hold a further joint meeting governing bodies.

With Sandford favouring

close links with the FA, Graham Kelly having moved

from the League to become

chief executive of the FA, and

bearing in mind the need for

unity in implementing the

mendations contained in the.

Taylor Report into the Hillsborough disaster, this looked an ideal time for a

After the Swindon affair,

that is now out of the ques-

tion. As Phillips said: "Look-

ing in from the outside anyone

involved in industry would

say that logically they should

protecting their own patch for that to happen now."

The League will continue to negotiate with the FA as to the percentage of the £26 million

the FA is due to earn from a

four-year television contract with British Satellite Broadcasting (BSB) it will allocate to the 92 clubs.

Sandford said: "The matter

is still under discussion, but it

looks like the FA could give League clubs a total of £2.2

million a year, with a further

£4 million over four years

going to the Football Trust."

news regarding meeting the cost of Lord Justice Taylor's

recommendations from the

government yesterday. The 2.5 per cent relief on the pools

betting duty announced at the

budget last March is to be back

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dated by seven weeks.

The League received good

The Swindon affair

ends hopes of FA

and League merger

SWINDON Town has in- from the FA to the effect that could be charged, including

FA's summer conference in

disappointment at the

Arthur Sandford, the chief

executive of the League, said

shortly to "discuss the prin-

ciples arising out of this

aggrieved, especially as before Swindon shortly before the merge, but they are too many the appeal last month it had start of the new season. It is vested interests and people

price the FA would pay to release Taylor from his contract

"The amount is peanuts com-pared to the £500,000 which has been bandied about," Ellis said.

the country. Villa are entitled to compensation for losing him. "Graham also brought his own staff to Villa Park. Our new

manager will probably want his own men and we will have to compensate Graham's."

Trevor Phillips, the commer-cial director of the League, confirmed that a sponsor for the former Littlewoods Cup would

Graham is the best manager in

The League is expected to

advertently ended any hopes it supported the original

and the League merging. Following a joint League and FA liaison meeting at the

Trevor Phillips, the commer-cial director of the League, Williamson, the assistant sec-

said yesterday, "but now there retary of the League, said:

As a result the League has hold a further commission of

been left feeling considerably enquiry into individuals at

received private assurances expected up to 20 people

Taylor decision

due on Monday

of the Football Association punishment.

there was a remote chance."

Trevor Phillips, the commer-

The League demoted Swin-don from the first to the third

division in June after the club

had breached League financial

regulations. However when

Swindon appealed the three

FA councillors sitting on the

appeal board altered that

punishment to relegation to

be named England manager on Monday (Louise Taylor writes).

A press conference is likely to be convened in London to install

Taylor, the manager of Aston Villa, as the successor to Bobby

While Taylor prepared for his daughter's wedding today, Bert Millichip, the Football Associ-

ation chairman, and Doug Ellis, the Aston Villa chairman, used

the FA's summer conference in

Blackpool as a forum to finalise

the matter of compensating for Taylor's premature departure from Villa Park.

The pair had lengthy and apparently amicable talks yes-

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Cowdray

overcome

the Bears

By JOHN WATSON

WITH a 7-2 victory over the Black Bears, Cowdray Park edged into first place in League IV of the Davidoff British Open

by one point.

Pendell and CS Brooks are neck and neck at the head of League 1; Diamond D just lead Rio Pardo in League II; and Rosamundo remain comfort-

ably at the top of League III.

Urs Schwarzenbach's Black
Bears have been unlucky this
season. Having lost Date

Smicklas with an injury before

the championships, they brought in J. J. Boote, the

Argentine seven-goaler, and moved their American No. 2

Mike Azzaro, into the pivot

position. Martin Brown, their steady back, has never looked

entirely happy with this arrange-ment. Azzaro, who plays off an

eight handicap and looks more

assaults on the smooth and resilient River Ground at Cowdray Park yesterday. He was the first to score and the

Bears took many goalshots thatmissed by inches.

Meanwhile, their opponents

the better balanced squad and

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is no hope."

British touring side to win all three international games in New Zealand since 1970".

One unexpected drawback in training has been an epidemic of sore throats affecting several players including international

players, including international squad members in Betts, Davies, Offiah and Skerrett. In-deed, Skerrett has been unable to train for a couple of days, but Lindsay and Reilly scemed unperturbed and indicated that there were no serious filness

worries.

A much bigger worry is the attitude of the Sydney referee, Bill Harrigan, who is un-repentant regarding the savage 14-3 penalty count against Great Britain at Auckland last Sunday. He has promised more of the same medicine if the British do not, in his opinion, mend their ways at the play-the-ball. Faced with Harrigan's attitude, the British players feel like the bowler who has to knock the stumps down to get an leg-before decision, but they are determined to overcome this problem and prove themselves the better side for the third

It may be an uphill struggle if Matthew Ridge is given a further flood of penalty chances, and if the New Zealanders, faced with the humiliation of a 3-0 whitewash, lift their game to a much more competitive stan-dard than they showed in the first two international matches.

Desperate for a win is their coach. Bob Bailey, a former successful coach of the junior New Zealand side and Auck-

However, the young, largely inexperienced and until a month ago contemptuously dis-missed British squad is now treble of successes. This would upon the New Zealanders, but

RUGBY LEAGUE Britain are eager to complete the rout From Keith Macklin IN CHRISTCHURCH. NEW ZEALAND THERE has been little time for relaxation for Great Britain's already been won, but Malcolm Reilly, the coach, has kept his players mindful of the fact that another important job has to be

On the team notice-board a stirring call to action says: "We are playing for World Cup points, and for our pride, We need a big mental effort all week." The tour director. Maurice Lindsay said last night: "Even though the series is in the bag, it is important that we complete the job, take the World Cup points, and become the first British touring side to win all

successive game.

confident enough and capable enough of pulling off a notable hean humiliation not merely on all of us who were prepared to write them off before the tour

Dogan,
NEW ZEALAND: M Ridge (Manly-Warringah), T fro (Wigan), D Williams (Manly-Warringah), K fro (Wigan), D Williams (Manly-Warringah), S Panapa (Auckland), T Kemp (Newcastie), G Freeman (Balmsin); P Brown (Auckland), D Mann (Warrington), B Todd (Camberra), T Nikau (Auckland), M Harra (Auckland), D Lenergan (Auckland), M Edwarda (Weitington), GREAT BRITAIN: J Lydon (Wigan); J Davies (Widnes); G Gibson (Leeda), D Powell (Shetfield Eagles), M Offiah (Widnes); G Schofield (Leeda), D Goulding (Wigan), K England (Castleford), D Betts (Wigan), K England (Castleford), D Betts (Wigan), R Powell (Leeds), M Gragory (Warrington), Replacements: D Fox (Featherstone Rovers), P Dxxn (Leeds), S Ivuln (Castleford), K Faktsank (Bradford Northern), Refereet W Harrigan (Bydney).

Harris discovers that the pool is running dry

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MARTIN Harris (above), Britain's best hope for international success at back-

stroke for 10 years, may give up swimming if he cannot find financial support (Craig Lord writes).

The news comes less than two weeks before the national championships and at the end of Harris's best winter season. In April, his time of 57,60sec for 100 metres backstroke, broke Gary Abraham's 10year-old British record

The Barnet Copthall swimmer says he is struggling badly to find enough money to keep up with the demands of long hours of training six days a week. Harris was supported financially by his parents until April, when his father

swallowed up in hotel and travel costs by was made redundant. Much of his father's redundancy money went into buying his son a car to help him attend training and cover other swimming costs.

"It has been a great sacrifice for Dad to help me through," Harris said. "What hurts is that I put a lot of training in but then can't go to competitions I should be at because I can't afford it. Just as I'm achieving things in swimming, it's all collapsing on the money side. I've turned down two good jobs, I can't do that for too

swallowed up in hotel and travel costs by one weekend competition away.

Derek Stubbs, the director of swimming for England, said: "It's a case of if you make it to the top, you get money offers, but you get nothing to help you get there. But on Martin's performances this year, he's almost certain to get a larger international grant in September. Beyond that, his best bet is private Scott Naden, the British Olympic

Association's competitors' employment officer, is new looking into Harris's case. The BOA scheme tries to find part-time Harris is grateful for his £250 grant. The BOA scheme tries to find part-time from the Sports Aid Foundation but work for elite athletes to fit in around knows that the whole amount can be their training.

YACHTING

Asgard II Hoj-Jensen shows beats his superiority the winds

ASGARD II, the 88ft brigantine ASGARD II, the 88h brigantine from Ireland, has won the first leg of the Cutty Sark Tall Ships race from Plymouth to Coruna (Barry Pickthall writes). She beat Esmeralda, the four-masted Chilean, barquentine, which is more than four times her size, by just 32 minutes on corrected time at the end of the 475 mile. time at the end of the 475-mile stage across the Bay of Biscay, in which the fleet experienced gale-

First of the British yachts was Royalist, which finished third. Her bosun stepped ashore with two fingers in splints after grabbing a young crewman as he was washed past. Conditions forced three retirements, includ-

ing Astrid, the British sail training vessel. The race ends in Zeebrugge early in August. The next stage, to Bordeaux, starts on Monday. 10 BOTGCAUX, SILITS ON MONICAY, RESULTS: Overall: 1, Asgard II (Ire): 2, Esmeratda (Chile): 3, Royalist (GB). Classa A: 1, Esmeratda; 2. Sadov (USSR): 3, Kalislara (Bul). Class A div 2 1, Asgard II; 2. Royalist. Class B: 1, Falken (Swe): 2. Gladan (Swe): 3, Sir Winston Churchill (GB): 4, Malcolm Miller (GB). Class C Morning Star (GB): 2, Exceletor (GB): 3, Jens Krogh (Den). Class C div 2 1, Dark Horse (GB): 2, kilevice of Kip (GB); 3, Ramrod (GB). POUL-Richard Hoj-Jensen.of Denmark, already the world champion in the International

trophically to mid-fleet, drag-In one of those fickle, drawnout days where the winners demonstrate great tactical skill and the losers lament bad tactical luck, previously prom-inent players slumped badly, reversing a demonstrated ability to climb through the fleet by doing precisely the opposite, but Pat Gifford of Britain was able to pull up from 23rd at the end

once for a starting infringement and once having to retire, while fifth, after a touch with another Only four Britons have won

the Gold Cup and the pace of the Danes and Germans here showed that while the Dragon is strong numerically in Britain, even the best British lack edge.

Overall honours among the builders went to the British Petticrows with four boats in the top six, but the fact is that be they built by Petticrow, Borresen, Glas or Wilson there is virtually no difference in basic

RESULTB: Pittle resect 1, D270 (F Leerbeck, Den); 2, Danish Blue (P Hoj-Jensen, Den); 3, Parry Sound (M Glas, WG); 4, Clivia (N Herman, WG); 5, Mystery (M O'Rahlily, Ire); 6, Warrior (J Thomion, GB), Overalt 1, Hoy-Jensen (Pettorrow); 2, Glas (Glas); 3, Joker (F Imhoft, Neth, Boressen); 4, Yarrikoe Doodle Dandy (G Foster, US, Petticrow); 5, Basilsk (P Gifford, GB, Petilorow); 6, D274 (L Jensen, Den, Petticrow);

From MALCOLM MCKEAG IN DUN LAOGHAIRE

doubtedly due to consistent sailing. Nicky Streeter would have been further up the table but for losing two high places.

Dragon class, added the Laurient-Perrier Gold Cup to his trophy collection after a nerve-racking light-wind final race of the series yesterday. Fred Imhoff, of The Netherlands, who went into the last race with a siender overall points lead over Hoj-Jensen, tumbled catas-

of the first, hour-long windward leg to finish in the teens and improve his overall place to Gifford's performance was

FOR THE RECORD

Interpretation of the property Cowdray's string, were settling increasingly well into their

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BASKETBALL

KUALA LUMPUR: Women's world champion-ehipe: Preliminary round: Chine 69, Zeire 50; tasly 67. Bulgaria 83; Bulgaria 130, Malaysia 56; Czechoslovaksa 67, South Korea 60.

IN BRIEF

SYDNEY (AP) - The Austra-lian boxer, Jeff Fenech, has pulled out of his bout with Juan LaPorte, of Puerto Rico, for the vacant WBC super-feather-weight boxing title on July 21 because of a tenacious virus, the promoters said yesterday. It is the second time that the contest

Water draw

John Battleday is favourite to take the slalom and trick titles and Paul Studd and Andrew Rooke will be contesting the jump and overall crowns as well as a place in the European championships at the national water ski championships at

BILLIARDS BANGALORE: World pro-am championahip: Caunter-finals: Pool E: R Foldwar (Aus) bt S Agrawal (India), 4-1; G Sathi (India) bt P Glichrist (Eng), 4-2.

BOWLS

BUSH HILL PARK: Biddisease triples chempionelips: Fethram (A Ward) 17. Bishop Duppes (T Jackson) 22. Broomfield (A Bennet) 19. Fethram (R Panes) 16. Springfield (W Jenkens) 8. North London (S Morgan) 23; Parsons Green (S Geo) 17. CAV (P Allen) 9. MEDIOLESBROUGH: Invitation pains: 1, M Thorpe (Hewcastie) and S Wiscoto (Middle-brough) 34; 2, D Summer and A Sumner (Middlesbrough) 35; S Green (Newcastie) and J Luckhurst (Middlesbrough). 27.

EQUESTRIANISM

GALWAY: Intel show jamping championship: City Lites Classic: 1, Athlicine (P Darragh), clear, 49.76sec; 2, Perk Gate (Const G Multims), clear, 52.50; 3. River Glare (Const G Multims), clear, 52.52; Destrail speed champion: Park Gate (Const G Multims), 71:bts. Furnishabeth gathed print: 1, Killyles (Peur Darragh), clear, 45.22; 2, Touchstone (J Kernan), clear, 46.84; 3, Spring Begance (J Kernan), clear, 46.84; 3, Spring Begance (J Kernan), clear, 48.80; Overall show jamping cleampion: Geddran (Capt. John Lodingham).

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LYONS: World team full championship:
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Union to South Korea, 9-1; Potend and East
Garmany draw 8-8 (Potend win by 66 has to
56): West Germany to Hungary, 9-4. Semifinals: tayl to Soviet Union, 8-7; Potend bt
West Germany, 8-7. Play-off for third place;
Soviet Union bt West Germany, 9-4. Finalt
tayl bt Potend, 8-7 (Italiah names first): A
Capressa lost to C. Sees, 3-5; F. Cerv to A
Krzesinski, 5-2; A Borella fost to Siess, 3-5;
Cervi lost to Nelpikowski, 0-5; Puccini bt
Bandach, 5-2; Borella fost to Riess, 3-5;
Cervi lost to Kelpikowski, 0-5; Puccini lost
to Saess, 1-5; Cervi to Bandach, 5-1; Borella
Kreipikowski, 5-3; Puccini bt Sobiezak, 4-5;
Copressa lost to Bandach, 3-5; Borella to
Kelpikowski, 5-3; Puccini bt Sobiezak, 5-0;
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Kelpikowski, 5-3; Puccini bt

ORIENTEERING

ALMSEYN, Sweden: World junior champ-loneship: Non (10.2km): 1, M Bostrom (Fin), 57mm 17sec; 2, J Bertán (Swe), 59.59: 3, S Nymatm (Fin), 60.08, Buttan piachage: 16, A Thin, 59.21; 27, J Armstrong, 74.25; 45, J Junian, 80.45; 62, N Myraden, 89.41; 64, P Walder, 89.01; 80, K Grastz 104.25, Womest 7,2 km), 1, T Foesti (Nort, 48.38; 2 M, Lensten)

Wildow, Bull: 10, K Graetz 10425, Womes (72 km), 1, T Foest (Nor), 49.36, 2, M Jansson (Swe), 49.51; 3, M Lukiczingen (Fm), 50.28, British placinges 9, C Bolland, 54.22; 17, K Bryan-Jones, 56.14; 28, H Monro, 60.41; 30, K McNell, 63.47; 53, M Tosid, 78.36; 68, S Noct, 84.23.

NATIONAL VILLAGE CHAMPONSNIP: Par-dia Forest 102-8, Colton 103-6: Freuchte 153-8, Pannal 28: Rinday 121, Herone 47: Islam 215-5 (R. Houghton 62, D. Theobadd 61 not out), Filtongley 116: Dunstall 147 (G. Haynes 4-40), Colveali 90; Tori 154-8, Caser-don 108: Treeton Weltare 149, Purmiree 58 (S.Footer 7-13); Seeton 111, Grampound Read 114-2 (F. Coombe 61 out), Fleeting 167, Limbin Park 164-4 (N. Thrireeli 82 not out); Escaded 139, Homoton-on-Hill 140-3 (Ray 54 not out), Seisson 50); Langiebury 164-7, Powledge 137 (C. Spints 6-22). COUNTY MATCHES: Essex 122, Insurance BA 119; Gloucestershire 112, Devon 121; Sussex 123, Badfordshire 116. SOUTHAMPTON: Hampakine singles champ-ionship: Cuseter-Reele: 9 Oldfield (Aldershot Sussex 128, Bedfordshire 116.
SOUTHAMPTONE Hampshire eingles championship: Dashtur-Beeke B Oldfield (Aldershot
Traction) 8, K Warren (Chil Service, Portsmouth) 25: R Eventi (Bournamouth) 20, S
Purkest (Woolston) 25: J O'Hara (British
Legon) 14, D Bishop (Alexandra) 25; T
Cimers (Bournamouth) 25, R Kemp (Fleming
Park) 22. Sami-finglis: Children 25, Warren 21;
Purkess 23, Bishop 25.

inkis 6-22), DCKSPUR CLEP: Regional finals. Clydeodals 5-4 (T. Raciorizer 68; S. Carr 4-40), umpsifer 146-8 (M. Mahood 4-19); oldington 194-7 (K. Macioritosh 50 not curt), learn 195-8; Ordon 218-4 (D. Varey 117 not t), Morecombe 158. Paris 22. Sean-House: Chivers 25, Warren 21; Puriss 25, Bishop 25; WENDOVER: Buckloghamahire triples championalist: Quarter-finals: Workerton Town (T Jenkins) 20; Chesevale (S Redding) 10; Princess Reborough (S Richardeon) 5, Denham R. Sussan) 25; Burnteam (I. Ford) 20; Woburn Sanda (J Weet) 5; Wendover (M Nash) 11, Merlow (I Renvey) 20. BUSH HILL PARK: Biddiseas: Irples championships: Feitham (A Ward) 17; Selvice

ation 217, Lancusture Schools Cricket Associ-ation 2184: Whinteleoin College 191-5 (R Curtis 101), "John Fisher 192-5: Bedford Modern 224-5, Worcester PGS 55; Surrey Schools Under-13 132-5 dec. Bertishner Schools Under-13 133 for 5. Masch drawn. Wellingbornugh Feethert Pockington 245-9, Wellingbornugh 245-3; William Hulme 139, Channell 142-6.

Cangwell 142-8.

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Croft 149: N Shahid 4-80) and 185-2 (S P
James 72, M J Cann SS; Essex 173 (R Shahid
57). Cantesturp: Kent 326-3 dec (M A Eaitern
181 not out, V J Wells 74) and 96-3;
Gloucosterstate 301-2 dec (D Blenkern 136. P
W Romaines 118 not out, Southampton:
Derbymine 334-9 dec end 96-4; Hampshre
311-7 dec (R M F Cox 134 not out). Old
Trefford: Someraet 307-7 dec (R J Bertiett
108. J C M Addindon 90) and 85-1; Lancashire
242 (N J Speek 77, J Galflan 60; D M Kutner 5-6). Strattont-on-Avont: Warwickshire 284 and Zeg (IV 3 Speer, ".) Lisanum GD; D M Kuther 5: 6) Stretford-on-Avior; Wartwickings 284 and 240-6 (I G S Steer 73 not out); Surrey 441. Match drawn. Worchester: Nothinghamshire 280 and 202; Worcestershire 159 and 220 (P Bent 90; M Soxolby 4-1). Nothinghamshire worn by 83 runs. Hove: Sussex 183 and 299 Middlesex 162 and 212 (BTP Donetan 7-102). Sussex won by 88 runs.

MUNOR COUNTIES CHAMPHOMSHIP Hartis-pool: Cambridgeshire 168 (i Lawrence 50; P. J. Kippus 5-23) and 108. Durham 138 and 79-6. Match drawn. Sidmoutie: Wales 167 (N G Roberts 63) and 268-4 due (T Hughes 129 not out). Davon 199-6 due and 207 for 6. Match

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etchplay draw: Piret flight: Sweden e nmark, Scotland v Franca, England v zen, kaly v West Germany. Second flight: alse v Finkand, Beighum v Switzerland, zway v Netharlands, Ireland v Portugal.

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SPEEDWAY NATIONAL LEAGUE: Long Eaton 41, East-bourne 55; loswich 53, Wimbledon 43.

TUKYO: Invitation tournament: Men's singles: P Sampras (US) bt T Woodbridge (Aus) 7-6, 7-6. GSTAAD: Swies Open: Second round: E Senchez (Sp) bt J Arrese (Sp), 6-3, 8-2.

FELDISTOWE: East of England champion-shighs: Man's singles: Quarter-finals: N Pashley (Surrey) bit E-shinestock (US), 6-2 a. 6, 6-4; A Rouse (Essex) bit J Hunter (Surrey), 7-5, 6-3; N Oyson (Michigaet) bit N Russell (Surrey), 6-7, 8-4, 11-8; D Ahi (Devon) bit C Beacher (Kertt), 7-8, 6-3.

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GLASOOW: tealis Cup (men's over-35 tour-nament): indonesse bt Austria, 2-1; Israel bt France, 3-0; Italy bt Sweden, 2-1; Israel bt Portugal, 3-0; Italy bt Sweden, 2-1; Israel bt Portugal, 3-0; Italy bt H Opata, 4-3-re; S Hehr ot M Lincavirta, 7-8, 9-3; E Daly and Reid bt Limavirta and J Solonein, who Argentina in Belglam, 2-1. Semi-finalis. Sper- bt Groet Britain, 3-0 (Spenish names first). J Moreno bt J Feever, 6-0, 6-1; E Vazquaz br J Pash, 8-4, 8-2; J Camina and Moreno bt I-sever and J Howarth. 6-3, 6-7, 6-3. Austria bt West Germany, 2-1 Fith and skish place play-off: Erance 1, Austria 2. Ninth and teath place play-off: France 1, Austria 2. Ninth and teath place play-off: France 1, Austria 2. Ninth and teath place play-off: France 1, Austria 2. Ninth and teath place play-off: France 1, Austria 2. Ninth and teath place play-off: Erance 1, Austria 2. Ninth and teath place pl

TENNIS More seeds

fail to last

the distance BASTAAD - Seeds continued BASTAAD — Seeds continued to topple at the Swedish Open yesterday, the most noticeable being Goran Prpic, of Yugoloslavia, and Mercedes Paz, of Argentina, both No. 3 seeds (Barry Wood writes).

Prpic was defeated 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 by Magnus Larsson, of Swedies, but despited for the seeds of the

den, who dropped his first set after leading 3-0 in the second. Elena Pampoulova, who overcame Paz, 7-5, 6-4, is proof that Bulgarian tennis extends beyond the Maleeva dynasty. Benefiting from a scholarship to the Nick Bollettieri Academy. she has improved her ground strokes and mobility. In the best contest of the day the top seed, Sandra Cecchini, of

Italy, won an absorbing match against the Belgian girl, Sabine Appelmans, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

RESULTS: Men: Quarter-finals: L. Jonsson (Swe) bt V Palohelmo (Fin), 6-1, 6-2; M Larsson (Swe) bt G Prope (Yug), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; M Fappini (Unu) bt A Rahamen (Fin), 6-1, 6-3; R Frontberg (Aus) bt D Perez (Uru), 7-5, 6-3. Women: Quarter-finals: R Zuptakova (Cz) bt S Dopfer (Austria), 6-2, 6-4; E Pampoulova (Bul) bt M Paz (Arg), 7-5, 6-4. Mark Petchey and Chris Wil-kinson both beat higher ranked opposition in straight sets to give Britain two unexpected

semi-finalists in the Bristol

Challenger Trophy.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: M Petchey (GB) bt P Nyborg (Swe), 7-5, 7-6; C Wakinson (GB) bt R Deppe (SA), 6-3, 6-2; C Sacasnu (WG) bt L Pimek (C2), 6-3, 7-6; A Boetsch (Fr) bt M Costing (Neth), 7-6, 6-

EQUESTRIANISM

West Germans just a fraction too good

From a Special Correspondent in Luxembourg

THE West German team won PAUL Schockemoble, the the Nations Cup at Oberanven with a total of eight faults dealer who was European show against the Americans in second place on 84. The British shared third place on 12 faults with

Although none of German riders had a double clear round, each had one faultless round which was to see their team inch ahead. It was Debbic Dolan's quarter time-fault on VIP in the first round which caused the Americans to miss jumping off against the Germans.

In the British team, the surprise was Michael Whitaker's

mount, Henderson Monsanta faulting at the middle of the combination during the first round, and just going in the water in the second. Nick Skelton, clear initially on Grand Slam, faulted at the

combination during the second round, and Emma Mac on Everest Oyster went in the water during the first round before returning a faultless effort in the second round. Finally David Broome on Countryman, also clear initially, pulled a rail from the final fence.

The finial tence, RESULTS: Nations Cup: 1, West Germany, 8 fauts; 2, United States, 8 %, equal 3, Great Britain and Spam, 12, 5, Brazil, 21; 5, France, 24; equal 7, Austria and Switzerland, 28; 9, Mexico, 32; 10, Belgium, 47, 25, Nations Cup Trophy: 1, France 23; equal 2, Great Britain and West Germany, 20%, Prix Davidott: 1, Fiorelis (N Skelton, GB), 46,47; 3, Querelleur (H Bourdy, Fr), 48,7.

jumping champion three times, has been taken to court for alleged cruelty by the Deutsche Tierschutzband, one of the major animal welfare societies. This is the consequence of a programme on German tele-vision on Wednesday evening in

which a number of horses being produced for the November PSI auction are shown being "poled" - rapping them with a bamboo pole to make them pick up their front legs. This is not allowed under the rules of the International Equestrian Federation (FEI), although, in some countries it is not against

The German federationsaid yesterday that they did not accept non-classic training methods, and under animal protection law it is not allowed to school an animal, if by so doing the animal is hurt.

They have looked at the video tapes transmitted, which were taken by a contractor employed by Schockemöhle, with whom has been in dispute. From what they could see there was nothing transmitted which was against animal protection law,

But the German federation is under pressure to do something because both Furstenberg Brewery and Mercedes Benz, who are major sponsors, have threatened to withdraw their backing

FENCING

Sabre men suffer under pressure

team took its turn to be put under pressure in the first round of the world championships here yesterday (Lesley Drennan

Facing Austria, the No. 12 seeds, Britain took an early 5-0 lead, Ian Williams making up for his disappointing perfor-mance in the individual events by scoring two of the victories. A further victory by the youngest member of the team. Amion Zahir, aged 20, against Hannes

after which the Austrians, finding their form, caught up to 7-7. Graham Kay scored another victory for Britain against Ivo Volf, but the Austrians struck back when Hradez beat Richard Cohan 5-2, to draw level at 8-8 and win on total hits. 61-55.

In the ensuing match against taly, the No. 3 seeds. Britain could only muster one victory. lan Williams beat Giovanni Scalzo, the Olympic bronze medal-winner and the winner of

LYONS - The British sabre Hradez increased the lead to 6-1. two Coupe du Monde tournaments this year, 5-3.

SELECTED RESULTS: Men's sabre team: First round: Austra bit Great Britain, 8-8 (61-55 hits; British victories: I Williams 3. A Zahir 2. G Fietcher 1, G Kay 1, R Cohan 1), Italy bit Great British, 9-1 (British victories: Williams 1). Women's foil team: Quarter-finals: Italy bit Hungary, 9-7; China bit West Garmany, 9-8; France bit United States, 9-2, Soviet Union bit Korea, 9-5 Semi-finals: Italy bit China, 9-6, Soviet Union bit France, 9-6 Briotize medial playoft: China bit France, 8-8 (57-52 hits). Team standings: 3, China; 4, France; 5, West Garmany; 6, Korea; 7, Hungary; 8, United States.

Title bout off again

EMALA LIMPUR: Moleysian Open champ-leashin: Mert: Sensi-Risnis: R Sadis, (Maleysia) of A Wiranata (Indo), 15-6, 15-10: Foo Kok Kaong (Maleysia) bi A Bud Kusume (Indo), 15-8, 15-8. Weamen: Sensi-Rissis Huang Husi (China) bit Lie Young Sak (S Kor), 11-3, 11-6. Lee Jung Mi (S Kor) or Chen Yong (China), 8-11, 11-6, 11-2. Weamen's doubless: Casarier-finel: Wu Wu Yuthong and Nong Curhus (China) bit G Cark and G Gowers (Eng), 15-9, 15-6. Migoad doubles: Custrier-finels: J J Paulsen (Den) and G Gowers (Eng) bit J Krudsen and L Otsen (Den), 17-18, 15-8, 15-3. P.G. Joneson (Swe) and G Clark (Eng) bit Chen Kung and Lai Canqin (China), 13-18, 15-3, 15-5. BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE: Chicago White Sox 8, New York Yankees 0 (6% mnargs); Texas Rungers 11, Detroit Tigers 1; Oakland A 9 5, Milwaukee Brewers 3; Claveland Indiane 5, Seatife Marinars 4; Toronto Blue Jeys 5, California Angels 0; Postponed; Marnesota Travits at Baltomor Orioles, Kansas City Royals at Boston Red Sox. NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreel Expos 3, NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreel Expos 3, Nationals Bravis 0; Los Angeles Dodgers 6, Chicago Cubs 3; San Francisco Giarris 4, St. Lous Cardinals 2; New York Mets 2 (Game 2); Plassburgh Preties 4, San Diogo Padres 3 (15 inungs); Mouston Astros 7, Philadelphia Phillies 4. has been postponed.

Impressive performance by British heavyweight crews

From MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT, LUCERNE presumably pleased coach, Ray Sims, since his crew endured THE power of British rowing achieved a third place behind

THE power of British rowing was clearly exhibited in the eighths events at Lucerne Regatta yesterday.

The two squad heavyweight crews, the A composed of the proven coxed and coxless fours, with Sieve Redgrave substituting at five and the B featuring the younger group which raced at Henley, were drawn in separate heats. East Germany and Canada in a faster heat and could still make the final on Sunday.

Nottingham County eight, well beaten at Henley, were seven seconds slower when thenley, produced one of their traditional finishing bursts to beat a strong Italian crew in the first round of the lightweight eights.

Nottingham, behind 20 strokes from the finish, raised the rate to 41 and still had enough control to raise their final appearances or repechage placings. Many of the British

First places were needed to progress directly to the final. The A crew obliged brilliantly, having over two lengths on the chasing field led by the Americans with a reshuffled and improved London University in third place. The younger B crew

Nottingham, behind 20 the Roise, most or repeatage that the rate to 41 and still had enough control to raise their hands to the appreciative crowd as they crossed the line. The win also moved the Nottingham crew to a direct place in Sundications that semi-finals could still be reached.

Chris Skuse and Edwin Clark just missed a lightweight double

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ATHLETICS

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RESULTS FROM LUCERNE

just missed a lightweight double sculls first heat win to Sweden,

and Jo Gough and Annabel Eyres, after only two weeks in a achieve a small final placing.

coxless pair, were a close third behind the French and Soviets.

five races at Henley.
The Americans from Boston

With the world's top scullers in attendance in force for the FISA World Cup finals on Sunday, the British scullers of Rorie Henderson and Guy Pooley and Tish Reld and Ali Gill could all do well simply to

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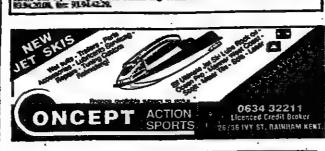
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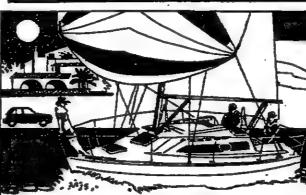
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who market the quintessential luxury powerboats, Sunseekers, do on their day off? Race yachts. Harry Pat Dodd, who sell and distribute more than £8 millionworth of powerboats each year have, after 25 years of living with

Malcolm McKeag

Typically, having realised what they have been missing, they have gone in at the deep end with a 45ft racing yacht, full-time skipper, topgun crew and co-ordinated uniforms. And they started only last That's how we do every-

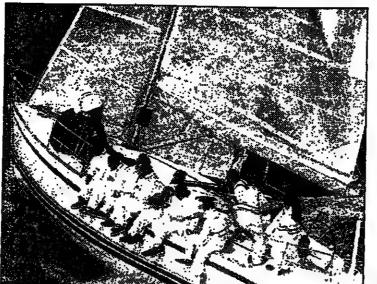
power cruisers, discovered the joys

thing," Mrs Dodd says. A couple whose success is self-induced, Mr and Mrs Dodd enjoy the toys which reaching the top of their business can bring: both have pilots' licences, and use their Piper Malibu to fly to the Mediterranean where they have a house, a boat and another business, selling Sunseeker powerboats.

The Dodds' conversion to sailing

began when a customer turned his tastes the other way. "We took a sailing boat in a part-exchange and thought we'd give it a try," Mr Dodd explained. "But we don't like second-hand things, so changed that for a new one." The new one was a 44th Gib Sea 442, a cruising yacht which they kept at Poole Harbour, Dorset, where their Sun-seeker business is based. They cruised a little, then raced at Cowes Week on the Isle of Wight.

'We're both fairly competitive: we like to win; and because the motorboat business has us working virtually every weekend we haven't really time for crusing, so we



The fact that he knows little of

yacht racing, and must therefore sit tight while his crew sail his boat for

him, does not worry Mr Dodd, "I

am learning fast, and if we want to

win we have to have good people

Racing a 45ft yacht is a skilled

job for ten talented people, looking after her a full-time task for one.

racing, Mr Dodd knew he had not

the skills to manage the former, nor

He found himself a

skipper who could do

both, and together they

plan Devil's Ad-

vocate's itinerary and

programme. The skip-

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paign can see away £100,000, but some-

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per finds the crew.

sailing the boat.

That is a 45ft Bénéteau 45f5, a cruiser-racer that is to cruising what a GT Ferrari might be to motor touring - the lines of the yacht were styled by Pininfarina, "f" stands for Bruce Farr, arguably the world's most successful racing yacht designer (his designs took the top three places in the Whitbread race, top score at last year's Admiral's Cup and dominate the international 50ft circuit). The Dodds chose

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itive, next time." The

stylish interior, with its

richly varnished ma-

hogany and its less-

than-practical cream

leather uphoistery, is already show-

bottle of champagne are all that

occupy, but far from fill, the fridge

and ice box; the cooker looks

decidedly unused. "I suppose the

interior is a bit wasted on us," Mrs

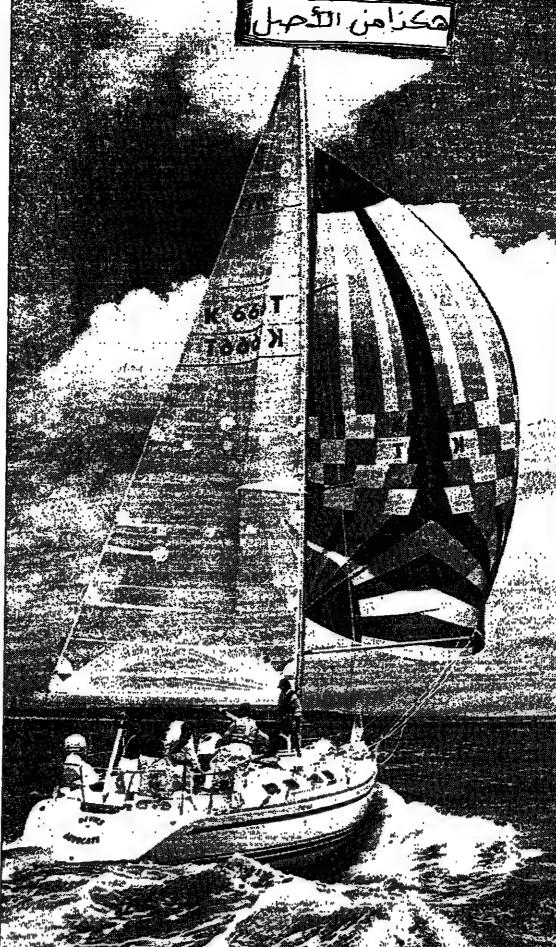
Dodd says.

'I am the 45 because it was, in Mrs Dodd's phrase, learning both stylish and competitive", which might not be a bad descripfast, and if we want to tion of how the owners of Devil's Advocate win we have to "In fact", Mr Dodd says, "we're already thinking we might go "we're aiready

have good people sailing the boat owns the boat and the crew help

ing signs of the hard wear any pay the running expenses, Mr Dodd reckons a newcomer to the racing boat interior endures as game, entering at the level he has chosen, should plan to spend 10 per booted crewmen drag sails on deck. Below, where the brochure says Mrs Dodd should be entertaining cent over the cost of the boat guests, she re-packs the billowing simply on running her. acres of nylon spinnaker, ready for the next hoist. Buttered rolls, sixpacks and the odd anticipatory

Equipped for racing, a Bénéteau 45f5 costs around £123,000 plus VAT. Waterproofs costs, say, £200 a set: a boat like Devil's Advocate will need 14 suits. While crews have their own, they may not be of the right colour; if an owner wants his vacht to cut a dash, matching oilskins are part of the price.



STATISTICAL LOGBOOK OF THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE

● Length: 45ft (14.2m) ● Beam: 14ft (4.25m) Sail area: 1,120sq ft (104sq m)
Accommodation: Three internal arrangements available, with 2, 3 or 4 double cabins. Ideal for four or six people to cruise; racing crew is 10 to 12. Designer Bruce Fair
 Exterior styling and internal design: Pininfarina • Construction: made of fibre

reinforced plastic ● Price: from £123,000 plus VAT UK supplier Beneteau UK Ltd. Cougar Quay School Lane, Hambie. Hams SO3 5JD. Tele-phone 0703 454022

Plastic bags stop foul play

A COWES-BASED company has come up with what customers claim to be the ultimate solution to the problem of fouling. The idea is simple - keep your boat in an enclosed PVC bag and feed the water with a sternising agent but it has taken the banning of

painting to make it viable. "It's bulliant," says Ian de le Vingne, owner of a 22ft Sealine power-cruiser. "It has kept my boat clean for a year." An electronic sensor measures the water purity in the PVC bag and operates a pump to inject minute quantities of a chlorine-based chemical that degrades to salt once its job is

powerful anti-fouling paints and the spiralling costs of re-

"We went over to Cherbourg and got weathered in for four weeks," says Mr de le Vingne, "When I went back for the boat she was covered in weed, but after a long weekend in the bag it all fell off and the speed increased by five

In another long-term test, an unpainted Fairline 36

Someone let the cat out of the bag



from September to April in an Agua-Tech dock at a muddy marina berth on the Hamble. When the stern section of the dock was lowered and the boat floated out, the water in the bag remained clean apart from a deposit of mud. More importantly, the bottom of the boat was just as clean with the exception of a tide mark around the waterline and a few patches of dead weed and mud, which were easily wiped

The price of an Aqua-Tech dock for a 22th yachi is £910. or £1,300 for a 30th vessel, and the cost of chemicals is about £4 a month. The equipment carries a five-year guarantee and, according to the manufacturers, has a life expectancy of more than 15 years.

■ For more information Aqua-Tech Marine, Medina Court, Arctic Road Cowes PUSI 7AD (0983-297550).

A new generation of electronic safety equipment has been developed for the fast location and recovery of men overboard

The danger of complacency

he call all yachtsmen dread is "Man overboard!" Too many accidents are caused by complacency and ignorance. often within sight of land, and even the best-prepared crews have found themselves facing

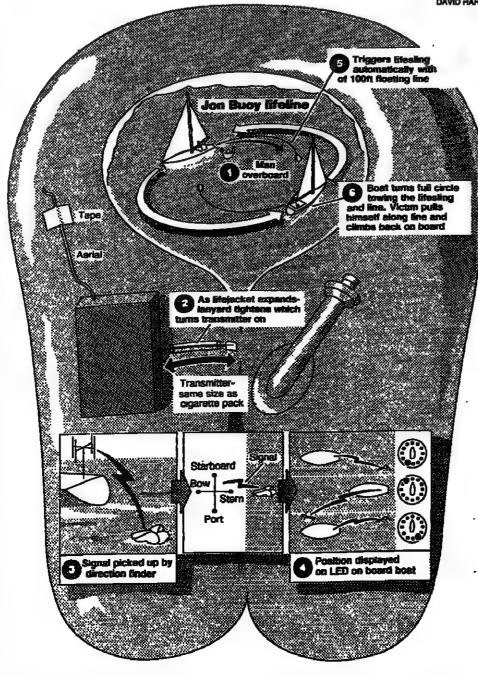
During the recent Whitbread Round the World race, there were six man-overboard cases during the southern ocean stages alone. It was the struggles those crews had, first in locating, and then in recovertheir crewmates that has led to the development of a new generation of safety equipment.

Before the race, concern among skippers about the effectiveness of location and survival equipment led The Times to insugate tests that showed up such horrifying inadequacies that the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) was prompted to work with the newspaper to bring together international experts to perfect systems suitable for racers and cruisers.

Financed by Whitbread, BOC, British Steel and Rothmans, the group, which includes former round-theworld yachtsmen Chay Blyth and Robin Knox-Johnston, and Dr Richard Allen, the military scientist based at Farnborough, Hampshire, who has done much to improve the location and recovery of downed airmen, worked to develop safety products.

For the Whitbread crews, location was the biggest headache during a man-overboard emergency. By the time they can turn their yachts around the victim has dropped out of sight in the ocean swells. However, a month before the start, Dr Allen and his team had developed a prototype homing system that was later fitted to eight of the Whitbread yachts and saved two

lives during the event. Their ideas were so successful that it has prompted the EEC to set new regulations to encourage manufacturers to develop miniaturised versions for general use. The equipment includes a directionfirding VHF receiver and



repeaung beacons (EPIRBs), carned by crew, which transmit on the 121.5MHz emernew beacons are small enough to be word on a lifejacket and

aerial fitted to the yachts and it inflates. The signal is picked personal VHF beacons, or up by an Adcock antenna emergency position indicating mounted either at the masthead or on the stern of the yacht. The angle is shown in relation to the yacht's heading gency frequency. No larger on a LED display. The than a cigarette packet, these helmsman just has to turn the yacht until the heading and light match and follow that will go off automatically when bearing back to the victim.

This prototype equipment costs more than £3,000, but Locat Developments of Hull, maker of EPIRBs, will launch a simpler version to meet new EEC safety regulations for about £600.

• Locat Developments, United Hull University Science Park, Inglemire Lane, Hull HU6 7TQ (0482 804530).



Protecting the family sailors

tion system for fully crewed yachts, The Times/RORC committee turned its attention to the problems faced by solo sailors and the family man with an inexperienced crew. What was needed was a system to stop the yacht and drop a line for the victim to pull himself back on board. Dr Allen and his team had

been impressed during early trials by the electronic trigger produced by Transagua Technology, in Cornwall, by which a small water-activated transmitter worn by the crew launches a Jon-Buoy life-raft within seconds of them falling overboard. What if this could be harnessed through an onboard interface to automatically launch a buoyant lifesling and line, and call on the autopilot to perform circles

around the victim? The trials carried out on a Sigma 33 yacht in force 4-5 conditions proved highly successful. With Coastguard officers acting as victums, the lifesling and 100ft of line launched within five seconds of the automatic alarm and landed within easy reach of the victims, who were able to pull over the sling as the yacht

went into its first tack. She

diameter course, fetching up within three feet of our guineapigs as they continued to pull

By the time the yacht had made a second turn, this time fetching up 30ft downwind of the original position, they had pulled in sufficient line to reach up and pull themselves back on board.

The test was repeated six times, but whether beating. reaching or running, the results were the same: the victim always managed to get back on board unaided.

The system has an equal application for power as well as sail boats, and Transagua Technology and Nautech, the Portsmouth-based manufacturers of auto-pilots, intend later this year to introduce a production version that will incorporate a rope ladder at the tethered end to make it easier to climb back on board and which will provide a hand-held clam cleat attached to the line to help the victims pull themselves back on

• Transagua Technology Ltd. Moss Side Industrial Estate Callington, Cornwall, PL17 7DU (057983366) Nautech Ltd Anchorage Park. Portsmouth Hunts PO3 STD, 10 705 643611;

board.

Queen Mum to review the fleet

• The Queen Mother requests the pleasure of all yachtsmen and women to celebrate her ninetieth birthday with a review of the fleet in the Solent on Monday, July 30. The Solent Cruising and

Racing Association, expect more than 2,000 yachts from 50 clubs to take part in the salute to Her Majesty aboard the Royal Yacht Britannia. "This is going to be the most dramatic yachting event in living memory," organiser Rikki Hamilton-Parks says. Escorted by HMS Broadsword, Britannia will sail from Portsmouth at 5pm on July 30 and pass by the yachts which will be anchored from Spithead to Ryde. Those wishing to take part should apply to the Solent Cruising and Racing Association at The Quay, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight (0983 761228) by July 16. Aided by audio compasses and raised contoured charts, 44 budding sailors set out from Falmouth recently on a unique offshore sailing course for the blind, organised by the RYA Seamanship Foundation. The compass fitted to each of the 22 yachts in the fleet provides an audible

signal to tell the helmsman when he is off course, while the special charts allow students to "feel" the shape of the coastline they are sailing along. At the end of steering during a six-hour thrash to windward Nicholas Fenn said: "For one glorious afternoon I forgot I was blind."

 Where did the sport of yachting originate? Which is the world's oldest yacht club? Who was the first to sail across the Atlantic singlehanded? These and other questions are answered in the History of Yachting, written by Robin Knox-Johnston and launched this week by Phaidon Press (£19 95). Mr Knox-Johnston, of course, has his own niche in history, having been the

first to sail non-stop round the world alone in 1969. According to his research, it was the Dutch who taught us the art of mixing business with pleasure on the water, while the little-known American, Josiah Shackford, claims the first Atlantic solo crossing from Bordeaux to Sumnam in 1786. This is a book to dip into for answers about almost ev ery event and daring deed from the America's Cup down to the exploits of Sir Francis Chichester, Chay Blyth and Knox-Johnston

 Peace in Europe will mean more intense battles at sea. The "warships" will be high-tech sailing boats battling for the America's Cup. Or so is the theory of Warwick Collins, writer and yacht designer. Mr Collins' novel, Challenge (Pan £12.95), is set ten years from now. The US and USSR are at peace but fierce rivalry still exists between them. Via a unilateral challenge for the America's Cup - à la Michael Fay the Soviets seek a publicity

Yachis, and the sailors who race them, become the symbols of superpower competition. It puts enormous pressures, not all of them entirely understood, on the key sportsmen. Anyone who doubts the truth of this prediction should simply look back to the Whitbread Race last October. Fasizi, the Soviet entry, arrived into Punta del Este at the end of the first leg in sixth place. It was creditable for a new boat but skipper Alexei Gryschenko walked into a quiet Uruguayan wood and hanged himself. On one level the book is an enjoyable adventure story. the racing passages are gripping and most of the characters credible enough. However, its implicit and convincing assumptions about how the sport will develop at the highest international level are its major claim for attention.

BUSINESS

as BICC purchase is cleared

CLEARANCE of BICC's acquisition of Sterling Greengate, a rival cable maker, has been linked to a warning about any further mergers in the cables industry (Derek

Harris writes). The Monopolies and Mergers Commission said that any further reduction of competition might give rise to

The clearance brought an announcement from BICC that the phased closure of an Aldermaston, Berkshire, factory of Sterling Greengate would mean 380 job losses. Production will be switched to other BICC factories in the Northwest and Wrexham. involving 100 new jobs. Sterling's Warrington, Cheshire, factory will continue the manufacture of power cables.

In the BICC enquiry three cables sectors were under scrutiny. These were mains cables, rubber-sheathed highly flexible elastomeric wiring cables and PVC armoured wiring cables. The MMC found that the merger resulted in combined market shares of 35 per cent for mains. 37 per cent for elastomeric and 23 per cent for PVC armoured cables. At the same time there would still be at least three

main British competitors in

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Warning | Regulators may act to recover £1.7m from DPR

BANKING CORRESPONDENT

CITY regulators may start court action to recover £1.7 million of investors' money from DPR Futures despite its three directors and an employee being cleared of dishonest trading on Thursday.

The Securities and Investments Board was granted leave by the High Court in November 1988 to seek restitution from DPR under the terms of the Financial Services Act. DPR is in liquidation and said to have cash of more than £1 million.

The money was invested by DPR's clients between April and July 1988, when the firm was regulated under the FSA, until it was closed down by the SIB. An SIB spokesman said the board is reviewing its position in the light of the four acquittals. DPR's former directors, Marcus Deller,

Andrew Page and David Rycott, have said they will try to recover the money from the firm, which is in the hands of its liquidators. They have also threatened to sue the SIB over the firm's closure, even though the law gives the SIB almost complete exemption from liability for damages. DPR's former investors can also take action against the firm to recover damages, and may recover more than the

The Association of Futures Brokers and
Dealers, the City watchdog on futures

when the FSA came into force two years
ago. "We were appalled by them. We had a

trading, says it still has "serious reserva-tions," about firms like DPR, whose three former directors were cleared at the Old Bailey of dishonest trading.

Philip Thorpe, the association's chief executive, said the body "would have serious doubts about the men's ability to continue a similar type of business".

He said any new application for a trading licence would be treated on its merits, with regard to the applicant's previous conduct. "If someone shows they have learned by their mistakes, that is a different matter.

DPR was the first futures trader to be refused authorisation by the association

The association took the extreme step of alerting the SIB to DPR. On July 11 1988, the SIB froze the firm, declaring it "was not fit to carry on the business of broking in futures and options". It said: "Investors have been, and continue to be, at serious financial risk." Five days later, DPR was

wound up in the High Court. DPR's 3,400 clients were attracted by a brochure, Opportunities Unlimited, which read: "The rewards can be greater and faster than any other form of financial speculation." The brochure was illustrated with photographs of Porsches, a large

mailbag full of complaints." said Christopher. Sharples, the association's tomers were telephoned frequently by DPR's salesmen, who offered to invest large sums in commodity futures to make fast profits. Clients complained of the high commission rates the firm charged. DPR justified these as paying for its stop-loss facility, guaranteeing investors would not lose more than their original investment.

During the four-month trial, the four men insisted they had warned customers of the risks involved in futures trading. The three founders set up DPR in 1986, with £10,000 each. They had previously worked for LHW, another futures firm which was closed last year after being refused authorisation by the AFBD.

Inflation highest since 1982

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

month rose to 9.8 per cent, its highest since March 1982, and appeared to be on course for a double-digit peak this

The figures from the Central Statistical Office were in line with expectations. They come a week after a statement by John Major, the chancellor, that it was taking longer than expected to bring inflation down. But yesterday's retail price index for June provided an encouraging underlying picture, showing inflation flattening out.

Despite the June rise, most City forecasters still expect headline inflation to peak slightly above 10 per cent next month. The subsequent fall is, however, expected to be slower than previously predicted, leaving inflation at about 9 per cent in December. This makes the 7.25 per cent final quarter forecast made by Mr Major in the Budget look over-optimistic.

However, the underlying rate preferred by the government, which excludes mortgage and poll tax payments, fell to 6.9 per cent from 7 per cent in May. But there are indications that the rate may rise next month after beer price increases of up to 6p a

The government uses this underlying measure to compare Britain's performance with that of European countries. At 6.9 per cent, the rate is still about 2 per cent above Britain's European Community partners. In West Germany, it was 2.3 per cent. A British inflation rate "proximate" to the EC average is one of the conditions the govern-

Radio 4, said the June infla- lower interest rates (Susan per cent.

ANNUAL inflation last tion figure was a "good deal Ellicott writes). Alan month rose to 9.8 per cent, its higher" than he would want to Greenspan, chairman of the see it, and that he would only be content when it started to central bank might need to come down. He challenged the reduce interest rates to mainview that policy was off course, saying that it was just taking a "little longer" than the government had imagined

to bring inflation down. mildly encouraged by the underlying rates, seeing signs that the firmer pound and the squeeze on company profits were bearing down well on inflation. Most still expect both retail price and underlying inflation to peak in August. But rises in the com-ing two months may not be

Ruth Lea, an economist at Mitsubishi Bank, said: "Inflation certainly is flattening out. With any luck, the underlying rate should stop accelerating."

Joe Roseman, an economist at UBS Phillips & Drew, thinks inflation may be set to decline. "There are clear deflationary forces at work in the economy. Using the Trea-sury's definition, the underlying rate may have peaked at per cent," he said.

Price increases in the pipeline include a substantial rise in beer prices, some foods, electricity, some household goods and insurance. Summer sales should bring falls in the price of clothes and footwear. Petrol is also expected to fail. The pound firmed on the

inflation news to reach 93.7 on its trade-weighted index at noon. It closed at 93.5, 0.2 of a point up on Thursday's close, and recovering some of the ground lost after remarks by Nicholas Ridley, the trade secretary, about Germany ment has set for taking sterling wanting to take over Europe. into the exchange-rate mecha- • The American government nism of the European Mone- yesterday reported a moderate index, which provides the first tary System. And expectations easing of one measure of of early ERM entry have been inflation last month. The news inflation rate for June by fuelling the pound for the past could provide the Federal measuring the cost of goods at Reserve Board more room for all stages of production, to be Mr Major, speaking on BBC manoeuvre if it decides to between 0.2 per cent and 0.3

Greenspan, chairman of the Fed, said on Thursday that the tain American economic growth amid "cumulating evidence" of a credit crunch that extends beyond real estate.

The American labour City economists were department said the producer price index, which measures inflation at the wholesale level, rose 0.2 per cent in June against 0.3 per cent in May. But the core rate of wholesale inflation, which excludes vol-atile food and energy prices, showed a 0.6 per cent increase. This could cause concern at

> in New York, the doliar opened lower, but share prices rallied in response to Mr Greenspan's testimony before Senate banking

His comments were the first nublic acknowledgement by the Fed that a squeeze on bank lending may be hampering American economic performance and that the Fed might be willing to shift from a policy aimed at fighting inflation. He said, however, that any action by the central bank would be "modest" because he did not see any single weakness in the economy that would justify an easing of interest rates.

One survey of retail sales, released this week by Merrill Lynch, found that warm weather last month across most of America boosted sales of clothing and other season-related goods.

The gain in the core infla-tion rate at the wholesale level last month was the largest since a 0.7 per cent gain in June last year. Wall Street analysts were expecting the indication of the likely overall



Giving a 6.9%: John Majer, encouraged by the underlying inflation rate, plays the game

Bankers insist on Ferranti cash call

By ANGELA MACKAY

FERRANTI International, the electronics company, must make a one-for-four rights issue raising £46.8 million before its bankers agree a twoyear funding package for the company next week.

The issue is fully under-written by Baring Brothers and institutional investors including Electra Investment Trust, Phillips & Drew Fund Management, Globe Investment Trust and Postei. The issue is conditional on-

Ferranti abandoning a £62.38 million loan stock agreement and new banking facilities. Details of the issue and the company's 1989-90 results will be announced after the new funding package is signed. Ferranti has sold assets

worth about £400 million since disclosing in Septémber that it had been the victim of an alleged fraud by executives that had siphoned £215 million from it over several years. The sales of the radar and sonar divisions have trans-

defence group into primarily a civil electronics group. Ferranti shares ended unchanged at 35p yesterday. The

formed the company from a

after the market closed. In February, the company scrapped a £187 million rights issue after GEC agreed to buy the radar operation for £310 million. The standby loan stock facility replaced that rights issue and the underwriters of the old rights issue are

behind the new equity.

A syndicate of 27 banks would not agree the new longterm facilities unless extra equity was raised. They will sign an agreement for a package worth about £275 million. certain bonds. Net debt will be about £100 million.

Ferranti says the arrangements will finance recovery.

Cazenove defends deal

defended its actions on Thursday when it made a 1.1 million to 1.5 million matched deal in 79p down on the pre-Hawker shares immediately announcement level of 610p. before Hawker gave warning that 1990 results could be dented by £30 million because of contract losses.

Anthony Forbes, Cazenove's joint senior partner, said in reaction to suggestions that Cazenove had been dealing in Hawker Siddeley shares for the past two weeks, and in particular reference to the firm's role on Thursday morning: "We are not market-makers. We act as agents in the normal course of business on behalf of clients."

At 2pm on Thursday, Hawker made an announcement to the International Stock Exchange that, because

Hawker shares fell immediately and at their worst were Before the announcement,

Cazenove had effected a share transaction between a matched buyer and seller involving a parcel of shares at a 16p discount to the then ruling market price. The shares eased a further 2p to 546p yesterday as inves-

tors continued to lick their wounds after the warning. Hawker Siddeley executives were repairing fences with City analysts, many of whom feel let down by Thursday's

warning and the day's events. In April, the divisional manager of Hawker Siddeley Power Engineering resigned and the group has been beset of contract losses it had just by speculation about problem identified, 1990 profits were areas ever since. Cazenove

CAZENOVE, Hawker Sidde-lev's stockbroker, vesterday £25 million and £30 million. said it did not comment on been gathered which led to the market developments, nor on assessment that 1990 profits its clients' business, but the firm's specific transaction on Thursday has been described by other brokers as being

unfortunate". The broker is not, however alone in having been a seller of the ISE. Hawker shares. City forecasts Hawk of likely 1990 and 1991 profits had been heavily scaled down. Hawker Siddeley had seen acveral analysts after announ-

cing 1989 results on March 28.

showing pre-tax profits of

£202.1 million. The annual meeting was held on May 11, and several brokers have downgraded their 1990 forecasts. Profit estimates were cut further yesterday.

Hawker Siddeley insists it gave its Thursday afternoon warning as soon as possible, and it was only last Friday that areas ever since. Cazenove sufficient information had

would be hit by between £25 million and £30 million. Because of the volatility of

Thursday's share price movements, an enquiry has automatically been launched by Hawker Siddeley believes it has now properly identified

the problem areas and "put a strap around them", though it gave warning that results in the first half of this year would be especially hit by the contract losses. Interim results could be

additionally dented by the strength of the pound, it said, because of the translation of overseas earnings into Analysts had previously

been forecasting 1990 pre-tax profits of £230 million. Now they are forecasting £180 million.

Opposition likely from EC governments

Brittan attacks pension cartel

From Peter Guilford in Brussels

SIR Leon Brittan, EC commissioner for competition policy and financial services, has confirmed his ambitions to remove the veil of national protection which currently prevents Europe's pension funds from investing and recruiting managers and subscribers from abroad. "The Commission's objec-

tive is at once to permit crossborder membership, management and investment of pension funds, and in the process, to secure a relaxation of national rules which are neither justified on prudential grounds, nor in the best Europe. interests of pension fund members, nor compatible with freedom of capital movement within the community," he said yesterday.

Brussels, is to offer pension funds the benefits currently being made available to other financial services in the Community. "It is only fair that pension funds should enjoy the single European market now being introduced for insurance companies offering supplementary pension

s," he said. Sir Leon hopes this will encourage the formation and expansion of pan-European companies and ensure the optimum employment of pension fund assets throughout It is no mean task, and is

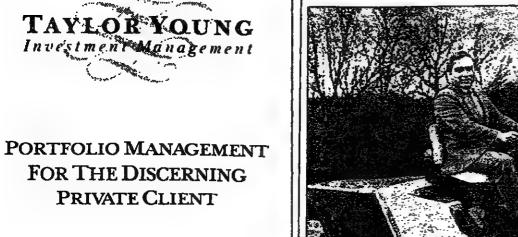
among the EC's membergovernments, some of which insist that their domestic pen-His goal, he said during a sion funds invest at least part Western competition as speech to the Institute of of their assets in government fledged part of the EC.

Chartered Accountants in bonds. Moreover, all matters relating to social security are icalously guarded by sovereignty-conscious governments, and considered out-ofbounds for Brussels legisintorn.

While citing pension funds as just one of a list of services which remain over-protected, Sir Leon was equally wary of the side-effects of free competition. As domestic markets. are prised open, he said, firms could increasingly seek refuge in large-scale cross-border cartels in order the shield themselves from the rigours of competition.

Sir Leon has backed the sure to provoke opposition need for East Germany to enjoy continued protection from Western competition before joining the main flow of Western competition as a fully

Ridley loses battle against mower merger



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Riding high: Bob Dodsworth, the chief executive of Ransomes, Europe's biggest lawnmower maker

By DEREK HARRIS, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR AS IF Nicholas Ridley, the trade and industry secretary, did not have enough troubles on his plate. Yesterday his oneman crusade to protect the interests of people buying ride-on lawnmowers

came to nought.

At the end of February, Mr Ridley, a keen gardener, ignored the advice of Sir Gordon Borrie, the director general of fair trading, and sent an agreed merger between Ransomes of Ipswich, Europe's largest manufacturer of grass-cutting machinery, and Westwood Engineering. owner of Laser Lawnmowers, to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission

The £9 million deal increased 200year-old Ransomes' manufacturing capacity in sit-on mowers and garden

Sir Gordon had looked into the merger and had told Mr Ridley that there was no need for the commission to

be called in.

Mr Ridley, who lists gardening among his leisure interests in Who's Who, thought otherwise. He was worried that Sir Gordon and his team had encountered uncertainties

in trying to establish the extent of market

shares. He also wanted to know the possible effects of the merger on the

distribution of other types of domestic scope for action by Mr Ridley. The commission did, however, argue that the

It was the first time a trade secretary had rejected the director general's advice purely on competition grounds. On the two previous occasions Sir Gordon's advice was ignored other issues were

The commission took less than five months to report to Mr Ridley. It found that the merger did give Ransomes, whose chief executive is Bob Dodsworth, the largest share of the British market for side on lawymousers. How market for ride-on lawnmowers. However, the commission said it thought Ransomes would not be able to dominate the market because of competition from a wide range of mainly international manufacturers.

It also decided that Ransomes' leading position at the upper end of the traditional, walk-behind lawnmower market would be unaffected by the merger because Westwood no longer sold such machines.

The commission ruled that, after the merger, Ransomes would be unlikely to be able to exert undue pressure on dealers to sell its machines in preference 10 those of competitors.

It concluded that the merger was unlikely to prove to be harmful to the public interest. As a result there is no

Ransome acquisition showed that main dealers were restricted in the amount of discount they could offer retail outlets. This, it said, could be considered a form of resale price maintenance. Sir Gordon will be taking this matter

up with the industry as a whole because of the commission's belief that this practice may be common among both manufacturers and importers of lawnmowers. The commission also looked at.

Ransomes acquisition of the Cushman group, a North American grass-cutting machinery company, for £95 million. This investigation was recommended by Sir Gordon.

The merger gave Ransomes only a small increase in market share in Britain and was unlikely to be against the public interest, the commission decided.

When Ransomes mounted the bid last autumn it saw the deal as strengthening its foothold in the North American market.

Cushman sells its machinery mainly to golf courses and Mr Dodsworth believes it will leave Ransomes well placed to exploit a forecast 10 per cent growth in the number of golf courses in North America.

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loss deepens to £6.62m at interim stage

HUNTERPRINT Group, the tion problems had now losses reached £6.62 million, against a £2.31 million profit for the same period last year and a £2.2 million loss for the 1989 full year.

Michael Hunter, the chairman, said the losses were caused by a downturn in advertising-related printing expenditure and by problems linked to its £30 million investment in a printing factory at Corby, Northamptonshire.

The factory suffered production disruptions caused by the reluctance of skilled staff to move from the other production sites in Hampshire and Durham when property prices were falling. Of the 220 employees who had said they would relocate, only 69 moved, said Mr Hunter. The new factory needed 310 staff. most of whom had to be found through "a major recruitment and training programme". nd training programme". year interest charge compares
Mr Hunter said the producwith £145,000 at last year-end.

loss-making specalist printing mainly been tackled. Winning company, has fallen deeper back several big customers company, has fallen deeper back several big customers into the red during the six had contributed to a 70 per months to end-March. Pre-tax cent improvement in forward orders between April and July.

Although the magazine and catalogue division was still losing money, he said: "I am anticipating a return to profit in the last quarter of the But analysts said Hunter-

Print would continue to be hit by the depression in the advertising spend market. The Advertising Association has predicted a 4-4.5 per cent fall in expenditure this year, the worst downturn since 1974-5. Tim Rothwell, BZW print-

don't see any upturn in the advertising figures until the second quarter of next year." The company is also suffering from a ravaged balance sheet after the Corby invest-

HunterPrint | Ferry chief stands by to repel boarders



Norman Corlett, chairman of Isle of Man Steam Packet Company, which yesterday published a defence document rejecting a £17.25 million hostile bid by Sea Containers, prepares to board one of his company's ferries. Steam Packet says the 115p a unts to a derisory multiple of less than six times historic earnings

Distributors walk a tightrope in run-up to great electricity sale

ALL but one of the 12 million, or half that on current electricity distribution firms cost accounting, little changed in England and Wales will admit on Thursday that they have failed to reach government profitability targets in their latest financial years.

The news could be seen as a serious embarrassment to the companies, heading for privatisation by the end of this year. However, the figures are being viewed by analysts as merely another round in the tug-of-war taking place be-tween the power industry and the energy department.

The 12 companies will produce accounts for the financial year to March 31, and all but one, Yorkshire Electricity, will have failed to reach the target of 4.75 per cent return on current cost net assets.

on the previous year.

Four main factors depress the figures. The mild winter will have hit distributors that rely heavily on the domestic market, such as Eastern Electricity and Southern Electric, and there were also costs from storm damage.

Estimates are that electricity consumption rose by only between 1.4 per cent and 1.5 per cent in the 1989-90 financial year, against a forecast 2 per cent. Tais figure includes industrial and commercial use, which should have held up fairly well, and so hides a big drop in domestic use.

The companies had to invest heavily in management skills to cope with new In all, the 12 will report arrangements upon the break-trading profits of about £800 up of the old Central Electric-the City's perception of them

ity Generating Board, including the power-pooling intended to inject competition into the system. There are further costs connected with the sell-

off, up from earlier estimates

Analysts suspect that the companies will try to load as much cost as possible into the 1989-90 year, their last in public ownership, given the negotiations just completed over their capital structure and the amount of debt to be imposed on them after flotation. Several have been spending heavily on refurbishing their high

retail slump ends. In massaging profits downwards, the distributors are walking a tightrope. Too

street outlets, seen as a potent-

ial source of profit once the

gets under way.

The capital structures for the 12 post-privatisation will also be announced soon.

Many distributors should have gearing, expressed as a debt-to-equity ratio, of about 30 per cent and upwards next March, the end of the current financial year. The exception seems to be Eastern, with the biggest area and recent heavy modernisation. Its gearing is thought to be near 45 per cent.

The assumption, as with past state sales, is that profits growth came come from eff-iciency savings. "We have to assume there will be some otherwise there's not much point in buying the wretched shares," a broker said. Another said: "We need to know what's happening to electricity

Accor becomes world's top hotel firm with \$1.3bn buy

MOTEL 6, the American budget motel company, is to be acquired by Accor SA, the French hotel giant, for \$1.3 billion in cash, the two companies announced.

The deal is considered a coup for Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & Co., the leveraged buyout firm that in 1985 bought Motel 6 and took the company private.

It will make Accor the world's largest owner and operator of botel rooms, with more than 160,000 rooms. The company operates 850 hotels at present in 60 countries.

Besides paying the \$1.3 billion in cash for Motel 6, a publicly-traded limited partnership, Accor is assum ing debts of approximately \$1 billion, giving Kohlberg, Kravis a return of more than five times of its original \$125 million investment. Kohlberg, Kravis bought Motel 6 for \$881 million, including \$125 million in equity and \$756 million in debt, in February

A year after the 1985 buyout, Kohlberg, Kravis sold nearly half of Motel 6's common units to the public, but kept control of the Dallasbased company.

After the original invest-ment, Motel 6's franchise value rose steadily, with more than \$200 million invested by Kohlberg, Kravis.

"KKR has done an excellent job of turning around the fundamentals and maximising the value of the Motel 6 name," said Burland East, a real state analyst at Bateman Eichler, Hill Richards, in Los Angeles.

"Now is a very good time to sell the company, and this is a real home run. Although the transaction

was announced after the financial markets closed, ru-

culated during the day. Motel 6's units rose \$2.625 on Thursday to \$19.25 in heavy trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Options to buy the units soared in trading at the Chicago Board Options Ex-

Motel 6's revenues last year were \$475 million, compared with \$226 million in 1984, and operating income is expected to rise to \$216 million this year (\$122 million in 1984).

Accor, the world's eighthlargest hotel company, owns the Novotel and Sofitel hotel chains that operate properties in New York City. Accor's 1990 sales are esti-

mated at \$4 billion, with net income of approximately \$150 million. In addition to hotels, it also operates nearly 3,000 restaurants. The Accor offer, at \$22.50 a unit, is to begin no lo buy. Connell later than Wednesday.

(New York Times) ideal addition.

Connell rejects L&G's approach

By MATTHEW BOND

SHARES in Connell, the residential and commercial estate agent, dropped 9p to 140p, as the company announced it had rejected a takeover approach from its 15 per cent shareholder Legal &

Connell also announced it was formally ending its insurance tie with L&G, a twoyear tie that expired at the end of March. An L&G spokesman confirmed the bid approach and subsequent rejection but pointed out that L&G had been invited to

make an offer by Connell. It is the second time that the stock market has been wrongfooted by movements in the Connell share price, On Thursday, Connell's shares jumped 24p to 249p on hopes that a bid from L&G would be agreed, while last December its shares rose by more than 100p in anticipation of a bid, It never came, although chairman John Simson made it clear that an offer at the right

price would be considered.
Paul Bown, chairman of the
residential division, said:
"The bid did not reflect the current or strategic value of the company, so the board were unable to recommend its acceptance." He said the announcement of the ending of the tie with L&G was coincidental with the rejection of the bid approach,

He confirmed that the company would be looking to form a new arrangment with another company. "We are still looking to tie and a number of financial services companies are very interested in tying with us."
The L&G spokesman said:

"Our business relationships are ultimately governed by bottom-line considerations. If this means we lose a major tied agent as a result of their obtaining higher terms than we are prepared to offer, then so be it." He said Connells accounted for less than 1 per cent of L&G's life and pensions business.

Unlike the Prudential, which earlier this week closed down 175 of its 675 branches, L&G did not participate in the late Eighties rush to buy local estate agents. L&G has built up its chain of 300 in the last year, during which the slump in house prices has made many estate agents loss-making, and therefore far cheaper, to buy. Connell, with its chain of 113 branches, looked an

to sell state firms

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

SIR Geoffrey Howe, the dep-uty prime minister, pressed part of a long-term commitment to privatisation, even when individual flotations attract criticism.

East European economies face not having sufficient domestic capital to finance the purchase of privatisation.

He also recognised that privatisations cannot succeed in a climate of "rampant inflation or widespread labour unrest", but must be accompanied by tax cuts, trade union reforms and abolition of statutory controls.

Speaking at the Adam Smith Institute conference on privatisation, Sir Geoffrey expounded to the emerging democracies in eastern Europe the benefits of a steady, but unswerving, programme of returning nationalised industries to the private sector.

He said: "Since 1970, we can boast having privatised 29 major former state-sector firms, raised funds in excess of £30 billion and transferred around 800,000 jobs from the public to the private sector.

"That represents a reduc-tion of about half in the share of the state's ownership of industry. Whereas the nationalised industries represented

approximately 10 per cent of UK gross domestic product in 1979, today it is 5 per cent."

AN OPEC output accord that the UAE of 1.095 million. The problem was addressed ministers, for signature at the by the Gulf Arab states when

But Sir Geoffrey added: "What is equally clear, how-

economies in question from economic stagnation. "Private ownership and control offers the only escape route from the Marxist im-passe which history has be-

queathed them." If eastern Europe is to repair its economy, the private sector will need to grow from the 3 to

15 per cent, he predicted. Sir Geoffrey said: "Imagine in Britain what the result would have been if privatisation had been the unique engine of liberalisation without tax cuts, trade union reforms and the abolition of pay, price, profits and capital controls. The result would have been a very partial success indeed."

Howe urges East | Opec leaders plan new output cuts

Geneva talks starting on July 25, would aim to cut production under 22.5 million barrels quarter, Gulf sources said.

The sources said Saudi Arabia, which is helping to nego-tiate the deal, hoped output could be below 22.3 million

But it might be possible to compared with actual volume produced in June of more than 23.1 million.

A key element in the emerg-ing package was agreement by the United Arab Emirates to accept an Opec quota of 1.5 million bpd. If the UAE kept to this, its output would drop by at least 400,000 bpd from the June levels. Until now the UAE had opted out of the Opec quota system.

Kuwait, which has also been overproducing, has now pledged to keep to a quota of 1.5 million bpd. That would imply a cut from its June

they met in Jeddah this week.

The Gulf sources said the would be simply to add the extra volume being formally allocated to the UAE to the

obtain a lower official ceiling since some of the 13 members lack the capacity to produce up to their present quotas.

The sources said that, as the proposals stand now, Saudi Arabia's quota would be kept bpd. This would imply a very slight drop in its formally assigned percentage share of the Opec total volume, below the 24.46 per cent that it has hitherto insisted on under any Opec accord.

Gholamreza Aqazadeh, the franian oil minister, said yesterday that he would want a output of up to 300,000 bpd. cut in the Opec ceiling if prices
The next step is to work the are still weak when Opec figures into a formal Opec gathers in Geneva on July 25.

Mr Aqazadeh did say that he The present ceiling on total thought Kuwait and the UAE volume is 22.086 million bpd including a notional quota for our their assigned quotas.

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Vishay may top TT Group's 851/2p a share offer

Rivals step up the fight for Crystalate

By MARTIN BARROW

THE future of Crystalate Holdings, the electronic components group, hung in the balance last night as Vishay Intertechnology, of America, sought boardroom support for a possible 90p-a-share cash offer, worth a total of £28.4 million. million.

The two sides met this week but the talks took on fresh urgency yesterday after the TT Group, the industrial holding company that started the bid battle in March, tabled a full cash alternative worth 85½p a share.

Crystalate shareholders will also be entitled to retain an interim dividend of 2.2p a share. The terms of a partial cash alternative of five TT shares and £3.60 in cash for every 12 Crystalate shares remain unchanged. The bid has been extended until July 28.

TT put further pressure on the Crystalate board by revealing that it had acquired three million shares, or 9.51 per cent, from funds managed by Schroder Venture Advisers at the cash offer price. TT now claims to speak for 22.12 per



Lord Jenkin: battle still rages cent of Crystalate, including acceptances in respect of almost nine million shares for its previous offer of cash and shares.

Confirmation that it had acquired another 1.5 million shares in the market yesterday would take its stake to about 25 per cent. Bob Eade, the chief executive of Crystalate, has made it clear

that he would prefer a merger with Vishay, which has had trading links with the British company for several years, to TT, which has no interests in the electronics industry.

However, Lord Jenkin, the chairman, felt unable to recommend Vishay's initial cash offer of 80p a share, or one of its shares for every 14 Crystalate, considering it to be too low. The Americans said yesterday that their offer had received acceptances of 6.13 per

Crystalate and Vishay, whose shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, appear to have been taken by surprise by TT's latest offer, having been confident that the company would not be able to raise the funds for a cash alternative. However, TT said it had arranged a loan facility with Midland

Crystalate's shares closed at 87p, up 10p, while TT fell 5p to 130p. The company formally confirmed yesterday that a possible third offer had been

Two brokers cut Sears forecasts

SEARS, the retailing group menswear and footwear. An-which includes Selfridges, alysts hold out little hope for Freemans mail order and British Shoe, has become the latest target for analysts' red pens after a downgrading of profit forecasts by at least two leading securities houses. The shares ended 3p cheaper at

Cazenove, the broker, is believed to have lopped £25 million from its original profits forecast of £195 million. The company's own broker, Warburg Securities, has also cut its estimate for the current year from £180 million to about £160 million. Last year, Sears saw its profits fall from £247 million to £169.2

The downgradings by Cazenove and Warburg comes just 24 hours after Sears announced a shake-up at its British Shoe subsidiary and the resignation of Chris Marsland as the managing director. Brokers say that the two matters are unrelated but their timing is bound to raise a

few eyebrows in the City. Shareholders were warned at the recent annual meeting that trading was flat in both

New York

lost some of its momentum,

but share prices generally

remained firm in morning

trading. The Dow Jones

industrial average was up by 5.94 to 2,975.74. Shares were

supported by a strong bond

Some profit-taking after

Thursday's rally tempered the

rise. Jeff Kaminsky, the direc-

tor of institutional sales at

Mabou Nugent and Co, said:

"The market is just taking a

rest." Share prices advanced

sharply on Thursday on hopes

was up 69.05 points, or 0.21

per cent, to 32,644.37. Shares

closed firmer on subdued

optimism about a stronger yen individuals.

that interest rates will ease. ● Tokyo — The Nikkei index

market and a steady dollar.

an improvement in profits until interest rates start to fall. Other brokers are now expected to follow Warburg and

But Sears was not the only company to receive a mauling from the analysts. Trafalgar House fell 10p to 274p after a profits downgrading, also by Cazenove. There has been increasing speculation that Trafalagr will have to make substantial write-offs, perhaps of up to £50 million, against its property development Drogramune.

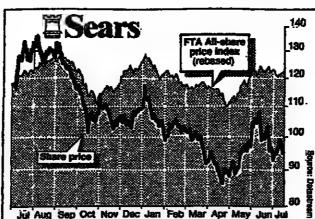
Cazenove has reduced its forecast for the current year from £265 million to £210 million. Rival Warburg is thought to have cut its estimate from £260 million to £195 million. Trafalgar had already been the subject of a number of other down-

gradings. Cazenove and Smith New Court have also reduced their estimates for Ultramar, which lost a 6p lead to finish 3p

Hawker Siddeley, which was hit by a Cazenove

WALL STREET

Strong bonds help Dow



downgrading on Thursday, rallied after an early fall to finish unchanged at 548p.

prices the opportunity to stage nish unchanged at 548p. another rally. Another firm The rest of the equity start to trading on Wall Street

Marks and Spencer rose 5½p to 240p. Morgan Stanley, the American securities house, has upgraded its recommendation to a buy. Morgan expects MaS's epos system to benefit the food side and has increased its pre-tax profit forecast for this year by £15 million to £665 million. It has also raised its forecast for 1991-92 from £745 relaine to £780 willies.

drawing strength from another record-breaking performance 100 index finished 11.7 higher on Wall Street. But there was little follow-through and so shares rose 10.0 to 1,880.1 on prices drifted off. The latest a turnover of 399 million inflation statistics fell short of shares.

regulators.

documents, which also outline

charges against other Silverado officials, available

The propriety of Mr Bush's

votes on loans to Mr Walters

and actions on behalf of

another business partner, Kenneth Good, have become

A DEMOCRATIC attempt to

force the Justice Department

escalated the political battle

Republicans say the move is

sheer hypocrisy. They say that if such an investigation is held

several Democrats should also

be subject to a criminal en-

quiry, especially the four senators who intervened to help

Charles Keating, the former

market opened on a firm note, enabled prices to close near at 2,382.2. The FT index of 30 encouraged by the inflation which supplies railway equip-news and closed with gains of ment. GEC met some institunews and closed with gains of

Cariton Communications, the film and video services group, tumbled 45p to 455p after another broker's downgrading. Kleinwort Benson was a seller of the shares on Monday and any remaining support has dried up. Video sales are believed to be falling.

Wellcome, the pharmaceuticals group, fell 16p to 593p with James Capel, the broker, continuing to be cautious on the prospects for Retrovir, its anti-Aids drugs. An Aids conference in Cambridge this week came out against treating those in the early stages of the disease with the drug. Capel says that it still disagrees with various optimistic forecasts.

Capel is keeping to its estimate of £420 million for the current year and believes that the recent underperformance by the share price indicates that the euphoria which surrounded Retrovir has evaporated...

GEC firmed 4p to 200p as

tions this week and the host was Henderson Crostirwaite, the broker.

The property sector came in for a hammering as John Atkins, an analyst at UBS Phillips & Drew, joined the bears. With Warbing having modestly downgraded its net asset value forecasts this week, Mr Atkins's caution hit a raw nerve and undermined the prices of all the big companies.

Mr Atkins believes that while property yields have been rising, they still have some way to go before they accurately reflect what he sees 25 a dismal outlook but even more worryingly, he says, is the impact that the huge amount of space under construction will have on rents. Office rents in the City, for example, could fall by 20 per cent in the next 18 months, he says.

Resenaugh, the property developer, was a weak market, falling 17p to 183p on whis-pers that the company is about to issue a profits warning. A James Capel took a party of spokesman said the reports

former chairman of Silverado

that Mr Bush would excuse

himself from any business with either Mr Walters or Mr

In a letter dated July 15,

1985, Michael Wise,

Silverado's then-chairman, in-

formed shareholders that Mr

Bush would serve on the

Silverado board, but, he added Neil has agreed to abstain from any board

considerations regarding

Mr Bush, who has insisted that he has done nothing

wrong and has refused to

negotiate an out-of-court

settlement with the regulators,

denied this week that he knew

about or had agreed to a ban

on his voting on loans to Mr

Republican party strategists are worried that Mr Bush's

insistence on fighting the case could prove politically damag-

ing to the president.
Mr Waiters and Mr Good

were investors in Mr Bush's

Walters or Mr Good.".

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Virgin Atlantic holds 3% of Dan-Air parent

VIRGIN Atlantic, the airline headed by Richard Branson, has emerged as a 3.35 per cent stake-holder in Davies & has emerged as a 3.35 per cent stake-holder in Pavies of Newman, parent company of the troubled independent airline Dan-Air, which announced in May that it was seeking a major trading partner. The shares, worth £1.2 million at yesterday's 515p closing price and held through Voyager, part of the Virgin Group, were acquired in September 1987, and have been declared now due to a reduction in the Stock Exchange's disclosure levels from 5 per cent to 3 per cent.

Last month, British Midland Airways, a fellow independent, declared a stake of just over 3 per cent, accumulated over three years. It had acquired no new shares for 12 months. The future of Dan-Air as an independent was called into question after Davies & Newman reported slipping into losses of £3.34 million for the year to December.

at Artisans

CHELSEA Artisans, the maker of marble and glass products, made pre-tax losses down from a restated £159,787 to £61,251 for the year to December. It has written back last year's provision of £280,817 for developing Chromatic coloured glass, used for exterior cladding. Operating profits were £701,350 (£973,985) Losses were 3p a share (0.9p loss). There is again no dividend.

Loss is cut Beer topped up by 12%

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Group slips to tim loss

MILD weather in May boosted beer production to 3.5 million bulk barrels, a 12 per cent increase on the same month last year. This has helped put froth on the calendar-year production to the end of May, with the first five months of this year showing a 2.1 per cent rise on the same period last year. Patchier weather in June may see a less speciacular rise for that month.

AT Trust chief goes

A NEW refinancing scheme at AT Trust, formerly Astra Trust, involving a £1.8 million rights issue, has meant the departure of the chairman, Theo Paphitis, who moved in to effect a rescue three years ago. The new chairman will be Colin Ulyatt, who is backed by a private company. Energy &

AT shares have tumbled from a high of 58p last summer to 9p as the group has been brought low by problems associated with its hostile takeover of Splash Products, the T-shirt group, in 1989. The company, which reported pre-tax Josses of £484,000 in the six months to last October and write offs of £1.56 million, has now given warning that second-half-losses will probably exceed this, while there will be further

Gold lifted by oil effect

LONDON gold rose by \$12.75 to \$364.50 an ounce in its best one-day spurt in months. It was beloved by dollar weakness on the back of US Federal Reserve Board comments about in-terest rates, and by the rise in world oil prices. Gold has been weak in recent wooks, due to a third wave of Middle East selling and fears of increased sales by the Soviet Union.

Church falls to £6.44m

CHARLES CHURCH, the housebuilder that was taken private last year has renorted interim pre-tax profits down 28 per cent at £6.44 million in the six months to February, during which it completed 221 units, exchanging contracts on 127 of them. For the year as a whole, the company expects to sell about 480 units; a 35 per cent reduction on the previous year

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Fibre firms in merger

COURTAULDS and Montefibre, a subsidiary of Enimont of Italy, have agreed to merge their acrylic fibre businesses in Spain. Courtsulds said that Montefibre would hold a majority share in the new company, which combines Montefibre's acrylic business in Miranda de Ebro and Courtsulds' business in Barcelona.

In a statement, Courtsulds said that the two companies had signed a letter of intent and talks would now take place to confirm details of the transaction. It said the merged operation would have 13 per cent of the total acrylic fibre

Regulators accuse Bush's son of negligence over thrift loss AS A director of the Silverado say that Mr Bush appears not to have abided by an agreement between him and the

to make early advance and the possibility that American credit is about to ease. AN OPENING blue-chip rally

Though the gains were modest, the Nikkei closed higher for the third consecutive day and advanced by nearly 200

● Hong Kong — The Hang Seng index closed 38.57 higher at 3,507.16 and the broaderbased Hong Kong index surged 27.42 to 2,306.51. Prices ended sharply higher on buying after the Hang Seng breached 3,500 at midday. Singapore — Sharp gains in index-component shares pushed up the Straits Times industrial index by 31.47 to 1,564.40. Prices closed at the day's highs, rising sharply across the board on heavy

demand by institutions and

Banking, Savings & Loan Association in Denver, Neil Bush, one of President George Bush's three sons, voted to approve loans for a close business associate that canned a loss to the government of at least \$45 million, according to documents released by federal The documents outline charges that Mr Bush violated conflict-of-interest rules by failing to properly disclose his relationship with Bill Walters, a Denver developer, and by not abstaining from voting on more than \$100 million in loans to him. Regulators say that Silverado lost almost half of its investments with Mr The regulators are close to bringing a \$200 million neg-ligence lawsuit against Mr Bush and other Silverado officers and directors. They made the 1,000 pages of

George Bush with his son Neil

son and regulators.
The regulators my there was

little, if any, opposition from other Silverado board members to the Walters loans. However, they contend that

Eleven Democratic mem-

bers of the House of Repre-

committee have sent a letter to the attorney general, Dick Thornburgh, which makes the

claim that the Silverado case "has criminal implications

that should be aggressively

In addition, the letter raises

serious questions about the

department's ability to con-

duct a "fair and vigorous

It points out that Michael

Norton, the US attorney in

Denver likely to head any

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pute between the president's misleading signals to other directors.

They argue that his contribution to the board's deliberations may have been taken as an approval of Mr Walters based on special, "in-Mr Bash's actions on behalf of side" information that only a Mr Walters might have sent business partner would know.

tion in 1986 from Larry Mizel,

an executive who held mil-

lions of dollars in Silverado

Mr Norton has declined to

The Democrats' letter

recommends making several

people subjects of a criminal

Bush and Mizel, they included

Kenneth Good and William

Walters, who were business

Mr Thornburgh said on

(New York Times)

Wednesday that he saw no

need for an independent

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Danbury Group slips to £1m loss

By PHILIP PANGALOS

DANBURY Group, the East Anglian property developer, which joined the USM last summer, slid into the red after a £2.3 million exceptional write-down on certain development sites and residential

building works. Danbury made an operating profit of £1.06 million before the exceptional debit. However, after it, the company revealed a pre-tax loss of £1.24 million in the year to end-March, compared with a prof-

it of £1.79 million previously. The exceptional write-down relates to works carried out or arranged before the restructuring of the group in 1988. There is a 12.7p loss per

share, but Danbury proposes a single dividend of 0.75p for the year. Douglas Moonie, the chair-

man, said: "We have a very limited exposure to the residential sector.

The company has about 14 homes awaiting sale, with an average selling price of be-tween £150,000 and £200,000. Mr Moonie said: "We took

the decision a year ago not to lay any more bricks in the residential sector." Total borrowings, of £14.7

million, and gearing at end-March had been higher than originally expected. However, borrowings should fall significantly next month when the final £3 million tranche of proceeds from the Maldon Ironworks sale is due. In addition, the company

expected to realise "a very significant profit contribution" from the newly-acquired Cowie garage development in Colchester, which has been sold to Tesco Stores, which plans a new food superstore.

The site was bought for £1.8 million, and it is understood that Danbury's share of the proceeds are expected to exceed £7 million.

from £4.45 million to £3.93 million. There was a tax credit of £307,000, against a debit of £623,000 last time. In addition, there was an extra ordinary credit of £160,000 from the sale and leaseback of the head office building.

Mr Moonie said: "We look forward to the prospect of a gradual reduction in rates in 1991 and a return to more normai market conditions. I am confident that we will be well placed to take advantage of

Sound Diffusion investors still fight for payout

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"The case is far from over,"

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Mr Newens said. "Someone,

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Shareholders' hopes were

raised by the Department of

Trade and Industry's decision

to launch an enquiry into

Sound Diffusion's affairs in

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SHAREHOLDERS of Sound promised "a busy last quarter the inspectors have not yet Diffusion are still fighting for compensation more than 18 months after the electronic equipment leasing company's

The Sound Diffusion Action Group is acting on behalf leading member of the action of 11,000 shareholders who group, who owned almost 1 claim they were given false information by directors and advisers just before the failure of the quoted company.

The shareholders claim they galow in Tring, Hertfordshire, were misled into supporting a £9.5 million rights issue of convertible preference shares just eight months before the company collapsed in December 1988.

The rights issue was arranged by Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank. The company's auditor was Arthur Young, now Ernst & Young.

Although the rights issue was accompanied by details of pre-tax losses of £1.97 million for 1987, the deficit was attributed to "special factors" and directors said they were "confident that the problems of the past are behind us." In October 1988, David MacDonald, the chairman of Sound Diffusion, talked of "a sharp increase in orders" and

reported back to the DTI. Less than three months later Legal action by shareholders receivers found debts of £90 against Sound Diffusion's million and investors were told the shares were worthless. advisers is not considered to be a realistic option. Already Charles Newens, aged 65, a short of cash, shareholders feel that a judgment in the House of Lords on the Caparo Industries v Dickman case, that auditors do not have a dutylion. He acquired shares with of-care to individual share holders, effectively ended

> "It appears from the judgment that an auditor does not owe a duty-of-care to shareholders and therefore, investors cannot rely on the published annual accounts," and Mr Newens.

their legal argument for

compensation.

But Tunstall, the security group which owned 4.5 per cent of Sound Diffusion's ordinary shares, believes in does have a case against the auditors and is suing Arthur Young for negligence. The circumstances suggesting "the company took up its rights company's affairs are being or and was subsequently forced to write off £6.5 million in respect of its investment. The case is expected to go to court by late next year and may eventually prove to be the However, 16 months later private investors' only hope.

Pathé sues Time Warner in MGM merger battle

From PHILIP ROBINSON IN LOS ANGELES

PATHÉ Communications Corporation, the Hollywood film production studio, has launched a \$500 million lawsuit against Time Warner, a former prospective business partner and the entertainment industry's largest company.

The countersuit against Warner is for breach of contract, fraud, libel, interference with a contractual relationship and unfair competition. The action follows a lawsuit by Time Warner three weeks ago, under which Time Warner sued Pathé for \$100 million for several alleged breaches of contract and fraud.

The legal actions mean Pathé has to find the entire \$1.3 billion it needs to finance a merger with MGM/United The shares rose 1p to 52p. | Artists, another Hollywood



Parretti: talks at impasse studio, by October 23. Until Pathé announced almost a month ago that discussions had reached an impasse, Time Warner was to have given

Warner said it would lend

Pathé a loan for more than half the purchase price. The two failed to agree on the funding for MGM. Time

a further \$600 million of the financing was equity and none of it borrowed.

Pathé was to have found \$450 million of unborrowed cash. However, it said it could raise only debt.

Pathé, owned by Giancario Parretti, the Italian financier, aunched its bid for the Hollywood studio almost four months ago. However, it was forced to seek extra time for the merger deal when it was unable to raise sufficient

Kirk Kerkorian, who owns more than 70 per cent of the MGM shares, has been trying to sell the studio for more than two years.

On Monday, Pathé must make a \$4 a share partpayment on its bid, worth a total \$21.50 per share to MGM holders.

Ridley's sell-by date does not sour the market's Major link

wonder whether Nicholas Ridley has done serious damage to the revived equity market, which has responded so well to the skilled and patient nursing of his cabinet colleague, the Chancellor of the Exchequer? Is this, crudely, a time to sell?

The British economy is not yet out of intensive care, but the market has taken a more optimistic view of the patient in the past 10 weeks, for two, not unrelated, reasons: a better-than-expected Tory performance in local elections at the beginning of May, followed by a narrowing of Labour's lead in public opinion polls; and a more positive approach to monetary union designs within the European Commu-

John Major's subtley-conveyed keenness to join the European exchange-rate mechanism sooner rather than later made the pound a one-way bet, removed the grisly prospect of even higher base rates to reduce inflationary pressure, and prompted the thought that interest rates might actually begin to fall before the end of the year. In the context of a general election in the autumn of next year, another triumph of Conservative pragmatism made a great deal of sense to the foreign exchange and stock markets.

But what are they to make of Mr Ridley's outburst? Is there one policy among senior ministers towards the EC, in which Germany is inevitably the dominant economic power? Or are there two? Or perhaps five, with the prime minister supporting her chancellor, lending a constant car to the hostility against all fixed exchange-rate machinery of her family friend, Sir Alan Walters, and sighing over Mr Ridley's belief in sovereignty and England's historical role in Europe? Mr



Ridley is not alone in his deep suspicion of German power, but I suspect his resistance movement will win far fewer votes than the government will lose through another display of confusion and disarray in the senior ranks. Brussels bureaucracy and German power are causes of genuine unease, but old-fashioned prejudice and unfashionable incompetence are not the best ways for the cabinet to proceed.

Within the monetary sphere, the main theatre of war at present, the governor of the Bank of England has shown he is under no illusions about where we are, where we would like to go, and where we are likely to be taken. Sovereignty, as Robin Leigh-Pemberton said on Newsnight after the Ridley débacle, is a relative concept.

Under the present system, the deutschmark and the German Bundesbank's interest policy are governing factors that we cannot escape or ignore. Under a regime of monetary union and a single European currency, to which five strong EC members (Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and France) are moving, the Bundesbank would control monetary policy. Even in the halfway house proposed by John Major, a fixed (in the best sense) European currency unit circulating alongside national currencies, each governments' power to practice, still be heavily circumscribed. We can like it or lump it. Unless we take the second choice, it is surely better to join the club and have a say in how the rules are framed. Paradoxically. Mr Ridley objects to our joining the ERM because membership would make it difficult to manipulate monetary policy as the election approaches. Paradoxically, because the political case for joining is that membership offers the best chance of bringing down interest and mortgage rates in timely

My own view is that Mr Major is not going to be blown off course by Mr Ridley even if he remains in the government. The risks to the market are therefore unchanged. The pound, having ridden high on ERM speculation, will be hit if we do not join by the end of the year. It will also be undermined unless the rate of inflation starts moving decisively downward. Meanwhile, sterling may have a new support in lower American interest rates, which would also give Wall Street

Nearer home, high interest rates are beginning to cause real, although not universal, pain. Profit warnings are multiplying (Hawker Siddeley, Rank) and devaluation, which would take the pressure off companies, is not one of the government's current options. By conventional vardsticks, most shares are not expensive and the market is not likely to suffer much of a setback unless falling earnings begin to threaten dividends.

So back to the question at the beginning: has the market, as well as Nicholas Ridley, reached its self-by date? I think not, but there will be better opportunities to buy between now and

Finding a defensive stock in GEC abused conservatism, not least in

If you are worried about the economic outlook but do not want to be out of the market completely, then a defensive stock is for you. They come no more defensive than the mighty GEC, which offers a good yield, a cash-lined balance sheet and a sporting chance of being re-rated. Not before time, when you look at the superior price/earnings ratios conferred by the market on similar companies which are sweating, coughing or lame.

GEC produced its 1989-90 figures last week. They were well, but not enthusiastically, received. There is a tendency still to knock Lord Weinstock's creation with criticisms from the costive years. This may be changing. Analysis who have been invited to look at the new anatomy of GEC are becoming more receptive.

It does require effort on their part to accept that a beast of GEC's dignity and maturity has the will to change its regular path to the watering hole, let alone the chemistry to change its spots. Remarkable though it is, and belatedly though it may be, GEC has altered its strategy fundamentally while keeping the objective, to improve earnings per share, unchanged. Faced with a government-built barrier to growth in Britain in its main businesses, GEC has formed strategic alliances with Siemens (German), Alcatel Alsthom (French) and General Electric (American) in telecommunications, power engineering, transport equipment, domestic appliances and gas turbines. This reconstruction, which involved

buying Plessey jointly with Siemens, has upset those used to GEC's dreary conservatism, aversion to risk, and enormous cash pile effortlessly earning millions in the money market. Joint ventures have been attacked because GEC allegedly had lost control and become no more than an investment trust Lord Weinstock is pragmatic on the point. There are situations where you are, and those where you may want to be. But you may have to accept less than the ideal. This may not prove to be ideal if you discover you own 100 per cent of a mistake. Locked together with more dynamic partners, his muchaccounting disciplines and insistence on adequate profit margins, ought perhaps to be seen by his established critics as an asset.

As it is the GPT, the telecommunications group split 60 per cent to 40 per cent with Siemens, is a world power. the partners are negotiating a merger of their North American telecommunications interests; GEC Alsthom is second only to ASEA Brown Boveri in power engineering; GE is developing a new type of gas turbine; and GE is working to expand the domestic appliance business in Europe. The integration of Plessey and Ferranti's defence businesses with Marconi is also a plus.

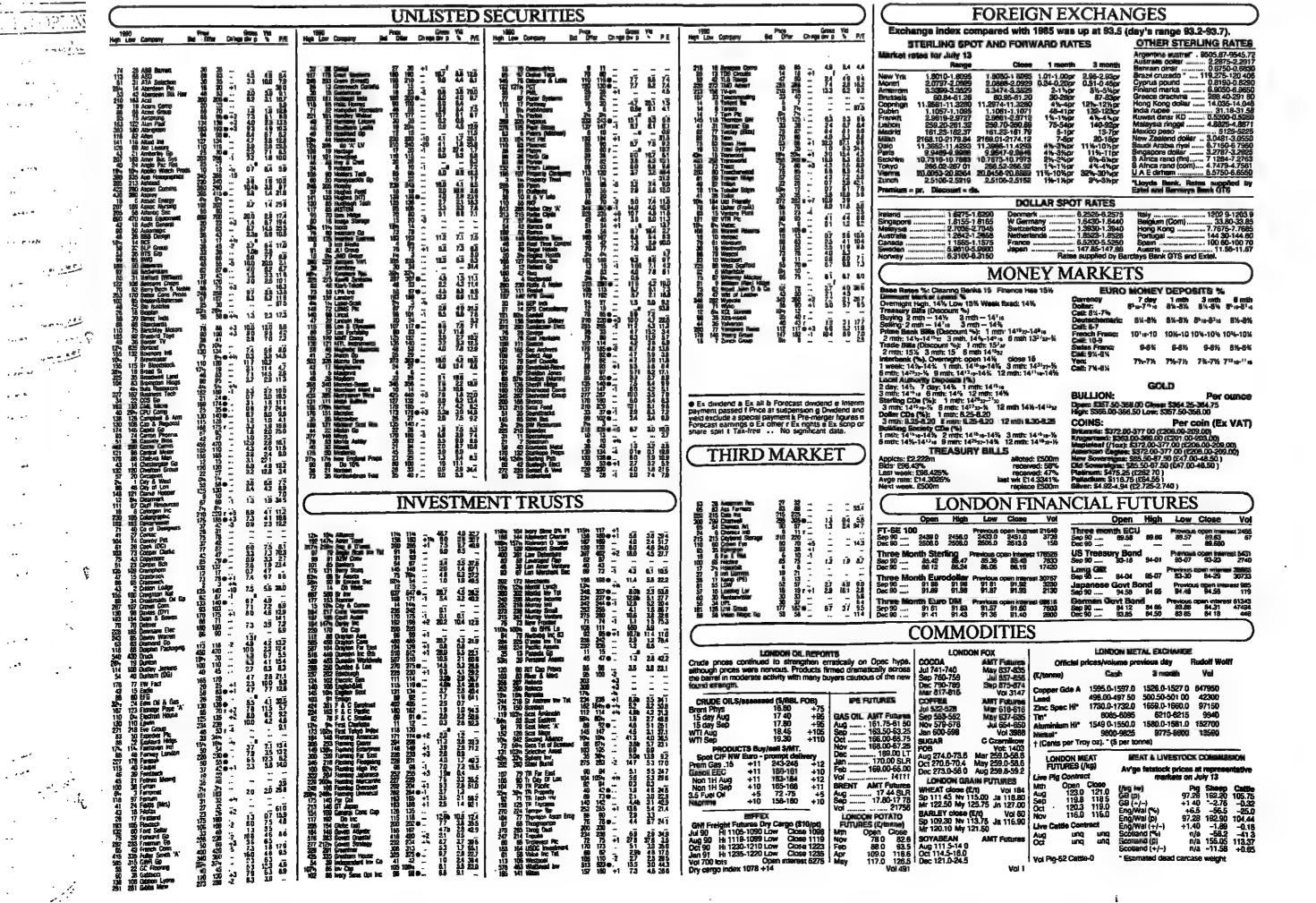
GEC has a substantial order book and a propensity to pay good dividends. The new Weinstock vision sees GEC's main activities achieving a size at which their facilities and capabilities do not need to be duplicated and can stand alone. Beyond a point growth for its own sake brings diminishing returns. Not a thought to bother shortterm buyers of the shares.

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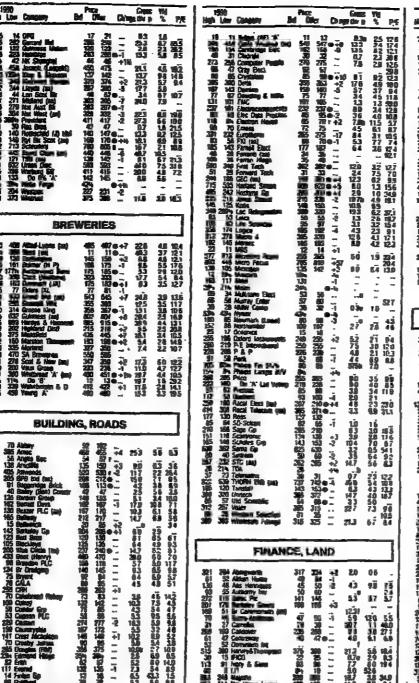
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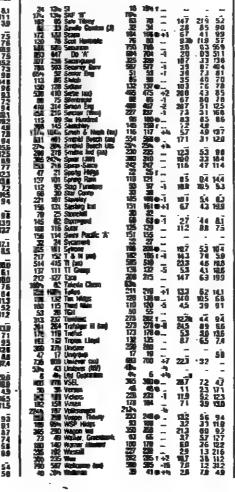
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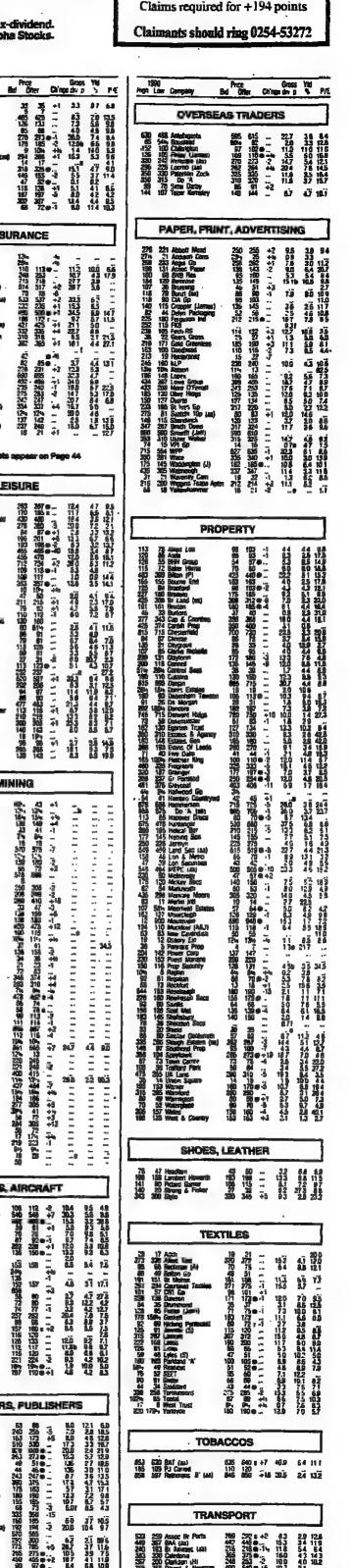
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The saletime ploys that stores use to seduce the shopper

ing ploys ever invented, the end of season sales.

Retailers, keeping one step ahead of their sophisticated customers, dream up ever more imaginative schemes to encourage the public to spend. Special offers and apparent bargains entice consumers into shops plastered with red STOCKED S

The amount spent during the summer sales is almost impossible to assess, especially as sales are now starting earlier and going on for longer. But for most stores sale time is the busiest period of the year.

Harrods sells twice as much each day during the summer trading standards departsale as it does on a normal ments to ensure that retailers day's trading. In three weeks during its January sale in 1986 it took £38.6 million, a record taken during a sale, and in one day in 1987 it took £7 million. The store adds about two thousand extra staff at sale time, doubling the norm.

tougher from higher interest rates, sales are lasting longer, starting earlier and retailers are becoming more desperate to entice shoppers in. Sales are designed to encourage shoppers to make impulse buys. Signs warning that the sale is about to end or suggesting that bargains are to be had for a limited time only encourage customers to buy on the spot

But one's rights as a consumer do not diminish during sale periods and shop owners have the same responsibilities during sales as at any other time. Signs advising customers there is no refund on sale goods are misleading.

The Consumer Protection Act 1987 makes it a criminal offence to give consumers a misleading price indication about goods, services, accommodation or facilities. Retailers should state the normal price for the goods as well as the reduced price during a

sale. For example the ticket on constitutes misleading price public part with millions of a dress should say "Sale price pounds in one of the cleverest £29.99. Our normal price and most successful market- £39.99" rather than simply "reduced to £29.99".

> product was available to conthat price for at least 28 consecutive days in the previous six months in the same shop where the reduced price is on

If the previous price in a comparison does not conform to the timescale there should be a clear explanation why and of the circumstances in which the higher price applied.

It is up to local authority comply with the legislation. They follow up complaints from consumers and enforce the Consumer Protection Act. John Corfield, chairman of the Institute of Trading Standards Administration's fair trading committee, says the With times becoming most common complaints his committee deals with are about pricing.

> brought against Harveys Furnishing Group by the London Borough of Enfield is believed

indication.

Harvey's practice was to compare its sale prices with reduced to £29.99". higher prices described as recommended retail price. be the last price at which the consumer would be misled sumers in the last six months into thinking that the goods and the product should have were normally offered by Harbeen available to consumers at veys at or near the recommended retail prices when in fact this was not the case. Harveys was convicted on five counts and ordered to pay £4,662 in fines and costs.

The judge advised retailers to include the previous selling price when advertising sale

duced profit margins for

biannual sale does not include bought-in lines. It is simply a way of clearing out old stock to make way for the new seasons goods. But Harrods will buy in lines from suppliers with whom it deals regu-

Genuine sales mean remetics supplier is changing the

retailers. If a retailer normally sells an item, such as a watch. on a 60 per cent margin but in the sale reduces it to a 30 per cent margin then he has to sell twice as many watches to make the same amount of profit. One way retailers pad out their sales without cutting their margins is to buy in special cheap lines for the sale. Marks and Spencer says its

> they were described. of shoes should not fall to bits after a couple of week's nor-

are very cheap, secondhand, packaging on a brand Harrods or labelled sale items they may buy in the product with must still be of merchantable the old packaging and sell it at

> The Consumers Association is campaigning for a change in the law. It would like to see the definition of merchantable quality changed to say that a product should be durable, safe and free from minor

ensure that the goods are fit for any particular purpose made known to the seller, and, thirdly, that they are "as described". If the label on the box or the sign on the shelf

The seller also has a duty to

entitled to a refund.

There is no claim under the Sale of Goods Act if something is purchased with a fault that has already been pointed out or where the fault was so obvious it could not have been missed when sold. And a refund is not claim-

able if the seller's advice as to the suitability of the product has been ignored, or if the goods have been received as a present. Any claim made must. be made by the buyer.

If the wrong item has been chosen, because it is the wrong

price of faulty goods has been lost the Sale of Goods Act have been after "acceptance", that is too much reserved, the item may be rejected and

Customers should decide before-

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affects one's rights, and in really is a barrain and think some cases can strengthen before you buy," he says:

The cover applies if the purchase is over £100. This is After Christmas retrilers tailer has gone bust.

stronger under hire purchases The goods may be "rejected" throughout the time the agreement is running. Once all the payments have been made time for retailers." one's rights become the same as if done in one go. There is strict legislation as

to how retailers present sale goods to the public and the trade and industry department publishes a voluntary code for retailers to help themstay within the law.

The guide is currently being reviewed and the results of the review should be known next

However tight the legislation is, some retailers will always find ways round it and will risk their reputations

mistake. But many shops are attempting to line shoppers to prepared to exchange or re- buy dubious bargains. fund goods provided they are - Mr Corfield unges shoppers in perfect condition as a to keep their head in the sales. store of goodwill.

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particularly useful if the re- stock levels are running at their highest. Many have stock Consumer rights are also, they have to get rid of and they are appealing to consumers to have one last splurge before tightening their belts during: February, traditionally a lean

But while sales may be a meful marketing ploy for retailers, they can also become a vicious circle with retailers depending on sales to entice customers through the door. Richard Hyman of Verdict,

the market research group, says: "The danger is that they get into a cycle where they are

"They see their competitors having sales and so they run a sale simply to keep up their market share. But if everyone is discounting no-one is

Dream machine: shops plastered with red stickers and bargain offers can double normal daily turnover during the summer and winter sales.

Rights and wrongs about returning goods

Under the Sale of Goods

Act 1979, the seller has three

main duties. He must ensure

that the goods are of

"merchantable quality",

which means that they must

be reasonably fit for their

normal purpose bearing in mind the price paid, the

nature of the goods and how

Consumers Association advise consumers to follow certain guidelines if they have a complaint about goods.

Items should be examined as soon as possible after purchase. Once they have been legally "accepted" the right to refuse goods that are faulty is lost. This means the customer cannot claim a refund but only damages, normally the difference between purchase price and the value of the goods in their faulty condition.

Goods are deemed to have been "accepted" when kept beyond a reasonable time. There is no fixed

the circumstances. The Consumers Association advises people to take things back within two weeks of purchase. If a fault is spotted straight away the goods may be rejected and the purchase price returned. The offer of repairs or a credit note need not be A credit note permits the purchase of goods to the same value from the

same shop. If accepted, customers will not normally be able to exchange it for cash later on. And they are sometimes valid for only a limited period of time. If entitlement to a refund of the full

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time has elapsed since purchase, it may make sense to accept a free repair or a new replacement. If a repair is in order, it should be made clear that it is being done without prejudice to one's rights under the Sale of Goods Act, which means a claim can be made from the shop if the repair does not work. If the goods cannot be repaired and are therefore worthless, customers are entitled to nearly all their

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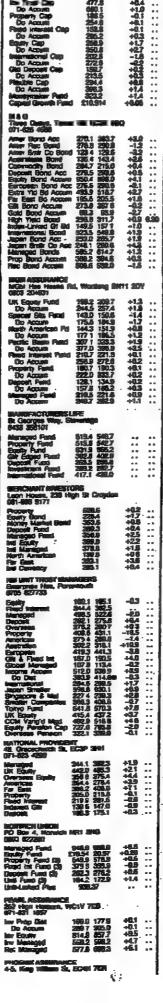
a refund obtained. If there is a guarantee it may be best to use it to have faulty goods repaired. A guarantee is always in addition to the customer's legal rights, not instead of, goods repaired if held too long for a refund. Legal rights are not affected even if the guarantee has expired.

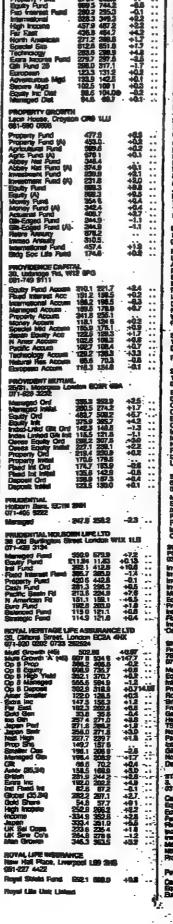
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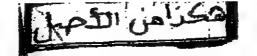
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money — but at a price

By BARBARA ELLIS

AS THE Arthur Scargill enquiry has demonstrated, opening a foreign bank account has never been easier, with Britain's tax and banking authorities having total disinterest in the international homes citizens choose for their cash.

But certain types of secret surveillance are being stepped up and mere suspicion can lead to investigations involving the police and possibly the freezing of an account.

At the Bank of England, a spokesman said a Briton opening an account with a foreign bank would fall outside its reporting system.

But all European banks are now under a similar ob-ligation to British and American banks to report any "suspicious" transaction to the police, in case it relates to

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In Britain, a working party consisting of banks and building societies is trying to establish guidelines on what constitutes a suspicious transaction. It is unwilling to copy the American practice of requiring automatic reports on every transaction over \$10,000, feeling that smaller transfers could be just as illicit.

Banks in Britain are legally obliged to report payments of interest of £500 and above to the Inland Revenue, but banks abroad are not.

However, a spokesman pointed out that if the Inland Revenue suspected anyone of receiving income from abroad without declaring it, there were routes it could use to obtain information.

The European Mutual Assistance Directive made it possible for the Revenue to call on foreign authorities for help, he explained.

Despite the hidden perils, there is a steady stream of British applicants for foreign accounts, particularly via the London offices of European banks. Many now keep a stack of application forms handy and are well rehearsed on the different conditions that apply in their own countries.

Société Générale currently receives about 50 calls a week from people wanting to open accounts in France, and asks all applicants to supply a signature verified by their own bank along with a bank letter of reference. No interest is paid on current accounts in France and cheque guarantee cards are not issued: shopkeepers often ask to see iden-



Chequebooks available - with a DM4,000 deposit: Deutsche Benk in Bishopsgate

Société Générale spokes woman said that the bank did not make any charge for ordinary transactions such as cheques or withdrawals, but that each branch manager has discretion to require a minimum deposit ranging from £100 to £1,000. However, she said it was very rare for a manager to ask for £1,000.

A danger peculiar to France is that non-residents may find their accounts closed if they are left inactive for a long time, even with positive balances of £200: "They can get the money back, but if you have an account in France it is best to keep using it," the spokeswoman said.

Another French hazard is that unauthorized overdrafts are illegal and could land unsuspecting Britons on a Banque de France blacklist that would bar them from holding an account in France.

For accounts in Spain, Banco Bilbao Vizcaya asks applicants for a photocopy of their passport with a signature authentication by a British bank, but does not need a letter of reference.

Because of Spanish exchange control regulations, the bank offers non-residents

Convertible pesetas can only be created from funds transferred from outside Spain and can be sent abroad, but ordinary pesetas must stay within the country.

Banco Bilbao Vizcaya does not require a minimum deposit for current accounts. It charges a maintenance commission, at each branch manager's discretion.

Barclays has 210 branches in Spain and its British branches will help open accounts there though they do not routinely keep application forms available. For a current account Barclays in Spain would look for a balance of £1.700. Below that, it would charge £12 every six months plus 60p per transaction.

At Monte dei Pashi di Siena, a bank with 550 DM7.50 per quarter and branches around Italy, a another charging for every spokesman said that a passport would be considered sufficient documentation for someone wanting to open an

He added that no minimum

pesetas or ordinary pesetas, branch. Deutsche Bank also asks only for a valid passport from applicants for accounts in Germany. But obtaining a cheque book will be initially costly for a non-resident.

Because most German banks now issue Eurocheques rather than individual bank cheques, they will insist that new account-holders deposit DM4,000 in a blocked savings account, paying interest at a rate of about 3½ per cent, since this is the amount the bank will be guaranteeing by handing out a Eurocheque

Interest of about 0.5 per cent is paid on current accounts and charges vary from bank to bank. Deutsche Bank has just introduced two different scales of maintenance fee, one with a set charge of transaction.

People who do not feel like tying up over £1,000 simply to get Eurocheques could open an account accessed by Deutsche Bank's own ATM card, deposit is needed for a current but usable only within Geraccount, and that interest many. This would enable would be paid, depending on them to make payments by the market. Fees would be transfer orders, which are charged for each transaction, much more commonly used

Yes, we will take your | Premiums rise as tax slices into insurance profits cake

By PAUL NUKI

INSURANCE policyholders he says. Faced with a weak are facing the prospect of housing market, insurers higher premiums because in- would not be able to fall back surance companies are not on their traditional source of doing enough business to new regular premium busi-

cover their costs. City analysts are predicting policies, to make up the that the life insurance in shortfall. Even if the mortgage dustry's running costs may market picks up, other more rise even higher because of a tax efficient products, like slump in new business. If personal equity plans, correct, policyholders will have no option but to pick up the bill.

New business figures for the first quarter of 1990 were described by the Association of British Insurers as "satisfactory", But according to areport from Barclays de dustry's new business prospects for the 1990's are "far from encouraging".

The introduction of mortgage tax relief at source out that it would take about (Miras) and personal pensions two to three years for the during the 1980's created a boom for insurers, but the 1990's will be marred by lower business levels and a period of consolidation, it says.

Alan Curtis, who compiled the report, predicts that the downturn will start to show in the first half of 1990. Insurers have "all but exhausted" the new business potential in the government's campaign to privatise pensions, and sales pensions policy. will slide by up to 20 per cent,

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ness, mongage endowment threaten to steal a sizeable chunk of the traditional endowment market

But such a bleak outlook is not just had news for the insurers. It is bad for investors because, without a healthy inflow of new premiums, insurers expenses will rise Zoete Wedd, the life in- relative to profits, pushing up charges on unit-linked contracts and reducing bonuses on with-profit policies.

Although Mr Curtis points impact of these changes to filter down to policyholders, and that they would not affect all companies, there are a series of inflationary pressures working their way through the system.

The BZW reports says: During the recent new business bonanze, policyholders have scrambled to pay up to 50 per cent more in initial expenses to buy a life or

This is mainly because Brimblecombe, Eagle Star's portant."

Nobody's buying



insurers are paying much larger commissions to financial advisers than they used to, but changes made this year to the system of life office taxation are also taking their toll on premium rates. For example, Allied Dunbar recently announced that it would be increasing premiums on some products by as much as 20 per cent because of the impact of

Stephen Dias, a life assur-Sachs, is more optimistic. While he concedes that expenses will rise if sales become stagnant, he says insurers are only too aware that higher well run and have reserves premiums may put off even more buyers.

higher taxes.

chief actuary, who recently stepped down as chairman of the ABI's life insurance

council. He said: "The effect of expenses on policy returns pales into insignificance compared with the investment return you can give. If you can get just a half per cent more out of your investment managers, it out-weighs any increase in costs for most companies.

But Mr Curtis argues that with-profits offices are already under pressure to cut bonuses. The position, I think, is going to get worse. We would need a pretty strong bull market just to keep reversionary bonuses at current levels," he said.

Mr Dias said investors should even consider taking out policies with smaller companies which might not survive a slump in new business. "Where offices have closed life funds in the past the remaining policyholders have had a bonanza," he said.

But for the more cautious investor who cannot afford to gamble, the City scribblers are ance analyst with Goldman still recommending the big

One analyst said: "You must be looking at reasonably sized companies which are enough to find and fund new business. Then, investment This view is backed by Roy performance is most im-

River flows towards small firms

By Jon Ashworth

RIVER & Mercantile today launches an investment trust to focus on smaller companies in Britain and abroad. The trust is tailored towards capital growth, but investors can anticipate an initial gross dividend yield of 5 per cent and a growing level of income.

The portfolio will initially include at least 100 British and 20 foreign smaller companies. For every five ordinary shares, subscribed shareholders will receive one warrant, giving the right to subscribe for an additional share at 100p in each year up to, and including, 1996. The shares and warrants may be included in a personal equity plan.

The LAS Group has unveiled a unit trust which aims to provide investors with high income and high security. The fund will invest in higher-yielding bluechip shares and the group is predicting an annualised gross yield at launch of 14.8 per cent, with net income reinvested. This would equate to 11.1 per cent net of basic rate tax. The minimum investment is £2,500, and there is a 2.01 per cent bid offer spread.

Yorkshire building society has raised the rate of interest for larger investments

rate of 15.8 per cent is offered on amounts between £50,000 and £1 million, while 15.5 per cent is paid on amounts between £25,000 and £49,999. Rates of interest on smaller amounts are: 14.5 per cent up to £14,999, and 15 per cent between £15,000 and £24,999. Funds may be withdrawn without penalty with 90 days notice.

Birmingham Midshires building society has added a gross interest facility to its Magnum Savings Account. The account pays interest gross on £100, and up to £500 may be withdrawn without notice. On larger amounts, seven days notice is required. The rate of interest varies from 10.67 per cent gross on £100 to 14,33 per cent on £25,000. The first interest payment is due on June 30, 1991.

Whittingdale, the City gilts specialists, has launched an instant access fund which pays an initial annual income of 15.2 per cent. The City Reserve Fund, to be launched on Monday, is a moneymarket fund aimed at companies and private investors. There is no initial charge, but there is an annual charge of 0.5 per cent. The minimum investment

Exeter fund managers is relaunching

Monday, with a 1 per cent discount for new investors. The fund was founded two years ago and has a current gross yield of 12.5 per cent.

Prolific financial management has launched an income plan called Concepts, which combines several investment options in one package. Part of the money invested is used to buy an annuity which provides investors with a guaranteed monthly income. By purchasing the annuity in the name of a nontaxpayer, income can be paid gross. The balance is invested in a choice of nine equity trusts and peps tailored for capital

Many customers of Firstdirect are paying bills by telephone, ending the need to send cheques by post or pay them over the counter. The service can be set up to pay regular household bills and is more flexible than standing orders or direct debits. Credit card bills can be settled with a phone call each month.

The Household Mortgage Corporation has launched a new valuation service to improve and simplify valuations for customers, introducers and lenders. The service should be able to provide valuations in as little as two days and

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Pepping up personal income without tax

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benefits of personal equity plans, why it is difficult to compare performance, and an illustration of the pitfalls of the DIY approach to peps

MANY people are still un-aware that by investing in personal equity plans (peps) it is possible to obtain a com-pletely tax-free income. Most investors have viewed peps as way of building up capital, out an increasing number of

The starting yield on an income unit trust after tax is ikely to be about 5 per cent, or ess, compared with interest rates of 11 per cent or more net offered by building societies. But by using a pep this gap can be narrowed. Gross yields of more than 8 per cent can be obtained on income unit trusts through a pep and prospects for growth are good.

Even when Tax Exempt Special Savings Accounts (Tessas), the tax-free bank and building society investment schemes, are introduced, peps will be at an advantage. Al-though it will be possible to withdraw income from a Tessa, only the net amount will be available until the completion of the five-year

Even if an immediate income is not required, an income-oriented pep can make sense. On request, the income can be reinvested until needed. Besides compounding the value of the plan, by the time the income is required the yield should have grown.

Save & Prosper estimated that if an investor could have made an annual contribution of £3,000 for five years to April 1989 to a pep linked to S&P's high return unit trust, it would have produced an River & Mercantile offers the income in the past 12 months choice of a pep investing in the equivalent to 10.2 per cent on ordinary shares of River &

Mercantile Extra Income, which currently yields 9.3 per ital invested would have grown from £15,000 to nearly £24,000 by the April. An income-type pep is a particularly good investment for would mean a capital loss ious payr ment puts up income tax the year 2000. from a pep will be enhanced

At Ivory & Sime pep Income unit trusts have investors can choose between long had a reputation for passe further. The Labour Party has said it will not tax away the the ordinary shares of Optimum income, paying 9.3 per as income gro-cent, or the conventional all have man shares of Investors Capital and British Assets, which yield 6.8 per cent and 6.6 per cent period is stipulated with a pep £6,000, of which up to £3,000 monthly income pep. can go into investment or unit

Statistics produced by Ivory Sime show that if £3,000 could have been invested in a British Assets pep at the beginning of 1980, the annual income would have grown from £203.75 to £707.15 free

cent, or in the income shares come on a pep is paid. "The of River & Mercantile Trust, first paying 10.4 per cent. But tax But after that each times investors need to be aware the investor receives an inthat the latter is trading at the come payment he will receive moment at a premium that the tax reclaimed on the prevwhen the fund winds up in the credit is paid out it will be part

viding capital growth as well companies that have done respectively. Each of the trusts which is in the process of in-pays income quarterly and troducing an income facility there are plans to launch a on its pep. This links to there of its income unit tosts with M&G Dividend, M&G Extra Vicid, and M&G Midland all of which have increased. All Share Index in capital

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pate out of about 400: Geoff Bailey of Lloyds Bank, one of the largest pen-providers with about \$250 million under management. admits performance tables are useful when managers are doing well but not much fun

But these difficulties could

operation of the pep man-

The only independent mon-

itoring of performance that, currently takes place is done by the WM Company on behalf of the Daily Telegraph.

but just 11 companies partici-

agers, he said.

when they are at the bottom. Many managers must think it's not worth the risk so they do not participate," he

Lacking comprehensive performance figures; most financial advisers use the a company's other managed funds as their main guide. Best Investment is about to publish a review of the top performing. unit and investment trusts available within a pep, with a information on whether the same investment manager of those funds is also running the & individual share portfolio of the managed pep too.

Mr Spiers said: "I would definitely recommend investors to go for a pep that includes a managed fund with an identifiable track record. Without it you don't know?

Lack of performance guide hinders choice

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from about 400 Pep man- are included in this type. agers? One criterion is But the performance of charges. These can vary managed peps tends to be considerably and are therefore much more difficult to comdifficult to compare,

John Spiers of Best Investment, the investors magazine. which earlier this year pro-duced a league table of peps with the highest expenses, now believes it is wrong to focus too much attention on this aspect.

"The difference in pep charges is actually not very great. Differences in performance are far more important and can soon outweigh any variation in charges."

If you are investing in a unit trust pep or an investment trust-only pep, comparing past performance is not difficult thanks to the abundance of statistics. Though these usually show returns after tax rather than the gross amounts from a pep, the consistency and relative abilities of different managers can be assessed.

Only £3,000 can go into a unit trust or investment trust pep. The balance of the full £6,000 non-taxable investment must go into individual shares. This route is preferable.

managed plan where the This way all investment choice of shares and running income and capital gains are of the portfolio is in the hands. free of tax. But the second step of managers. Typically, beis not so easy. How to choose tween six and twelve shares

'Differences in performance can soon outweigh any variation in charges'

pare. So far little has been done to independently monitor their progress. Chris Poll of Micropal, one

of the producers of performance figures, said: "We've been considering the introduction of pep performance figtures for over a year now. "There are various practical difficulties such as the fact

that each investor tends to get a slightly different combination of shares. But this could be overcome by the managers. nominating one pep starting on a particular date and telling us of any changes.

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what you're getting into." Glamour blinds self-selectors

"Then there are the prob-lems of valuing the individual

INVESTORS who pit their extent wiped out by manageshare selection skills against personal equity plan (pep) managers have achieved mixed results. Many have chosen the glamour stocks of. 1987 and 1988 and have since come to grief (writes Lindsay. Cook).

At Save & Prosper the champion of the self-select peps has chosen only one share, Polly Peck, and now has a plan worth more than £40,000. He started with the maximum investment of £2,400 in 1987 and has invested the maximum allowed each year since, giving a total investment of £19,200.

At the other end of the scale is a woman who made good profits with her own portfolio years which are now worth £9,030.

She says: "The income is

ment charges." Among the shares is a holding in British & Commonwealth which she expects' to be a complete write- off. Tottenham Hotspur, bought

because Tony Berry had a large stake, subsequently fell 15p. Lopex, bought at 248p, fell by 80p over the next 12 months. Clogau Gold Mines, now Ferromet has turned now Ferromet, has turned £1,083 into £187.

She also put £3,000 of her daughter's money into Saatchi & Saatchi, which then fell to £856. The only success in her plan was Polly Peck.

Mosley, sales and marketing support manager, said that most of its self-select plan when she started to server own shares for a plan. She has who knew what they wanted invested a total of £11,561.56 The company has decided to limit the choice of shares over the past two limit the choice of shares are investors to alpha. available to investors to alpha

densory and to a considerable ... whole market was open people of 1.5 per cent

which they had local know-balledge. Many of these are dodgy markets now. There are also quite a few B&C investors. But that is the nature of this sort of investor. They will take a punt. Many use peps as a bit

Other shares to feature a strongly in pep portfolios are a Guinness, Marks and Spencer, Tesco, and Sainsbury.

Save & Prosper makes a 1.5 per cent initial charge for its self-select, plan. In addition there is a £25 charge plus VAT for each separate share-holding The company recom-mends investors have a At Save & Prosper, Richard mends investors have a maximum of two shares in their plans.

At National Westminster Bank 60 to 70 per cent of peps are invested in alpha stocks. The most successful plans are, however, in beta and gamma stocks. The bank charges £25 ? to set up a plan, an annual fet. 🌤 We found that when the of I per cent and a dealing fee

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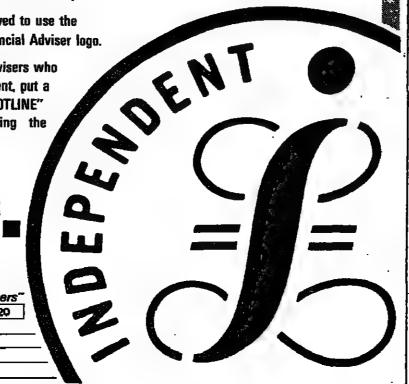
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Europe is Pearl's growth oyster

PEARL Unit Trusts is launching a European fund for investors seeking steady growth in the longer term (writes

Savers looking for a repeat of the heady gains which have been available from European funds may find themselves disappointed, but Pearl is confident that the growth rate will pick up as 1992 approaches.

Edward Heath, speaking at the fund's launch this week, said it showed that 1992 was not only approaching rapidly but also posing a major challenge to investors. The former prime minister said investment would also play a key role in the re-development of East European countries. Mr Heath said that long-term investment would be essential to the growth and well-being of these

Paul Woof, the fund manager, said growth is likely to be below that of Japan but ahead of Britain and America. He said new opportunities will arise in the run-up to 1992, making this as good a time as any to invest in a European fund.



Heath: the challenge of 1992. Not surprisingly, Germany has been singled out for its investment potential. The fund will invest up to a third of its

assets in the newly-unified country.

from Eastern Europe, France will ac-

Germany is the favoured market since its manufacturers stand to gain orders count for 18 per cent. Spain, Holland and Switzerland are likely to account for 10 per cent each, and Italy and Britain 5 per

The minimum investment in the new trust is £1,000, although as an incentive to smaller investors, as little as £500 may be invested until August 3. There is an initial charge of 6 per cent and an annual management charge of 1.5 per cent.

Savers investing £50,000 or more during the launch period will pay only 4 per cent as an initial charge, and discounts of between 1.5 per cent and 0.5 per cent are offered on £2,500 or more.

Potential investors may look to the example of Save & Prosper's European Smaller Companies fund, which like the New Europe trust favours investment in Germany and France. Since its launch in January, the fund has attracted over £70 million from nearly 17,000 investors.

Later this month Scottish Mutual is launching a boad which will invest in the group's European life fund. It promises good growth with limited risks, and is open to investments of at least £2,500.

Globe holders attract sudden host of admirers

SMALL shareholders in the have their holdings invested trust was the best option. But think Globe is a special situa-Globe Investment Trust have been offered a range of alternative investments by financial institutions after the successful bid by the British Coal pension funds.

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Legal & General was first off vided they invest the proceeds in L&G's Equity trust. The offer is an improvement on the market price, and is in exdividend form to allow shareholders who accept to receive the 4p final dividend from Globe.

The scheme is an attractive one, but the 37,000 private shareholders should weigh up the odds carefully. The Coal funds offer three investment routes. Schroder unit trusts and Gartmore fund managers have come up with offers of their own, and more offers are likely to be made in the

Shareholders accepting the Coal fund offer will lose the right to receive the final 4p dividend. They will either be paid in cash at 205p per share, capital gains, the investment tax on their holdings.

in loan notes, or reinvest in a new investment trust which will aim to match the FTA All-Share Index.

L&G says its offer is an improvement, since money will be invested at once and tors with higher rate tax liabilities.

Shareholders who want to defer the capital gains tax liability on their Globe shares may prefer the Coal funds' investment trust.

Shareholders who can sell their shares without exceeding their £5,000 capital gains tax allowance may prefer other alternatives. The higher base cost could reduce any tax they may become liable to pay in

Chris Hatry, director of unit trusts at L&G, said shareholders who opt for the investment trust proposed by the Coal funds might have to wait six weeks before their money is

invened.

they would be out of the market for at least six weeks and the trust would be likely to trade at a 3-5 per cent discount

"It comes down to whether a unit trust is a sensible the mark by offering Globe the higher capital gains tax alternative to an investment investors 207p per share, pro- base cost will appeal to investment trust," said Mr Hatry. "People have got to make up their own minds on that."

> It is thought that about 20,000 of the 37,000 private Globe shareholders have not used up their capital gains tax

> But it may be worth waiting a few days before deciding to see the full range of offers. Schroder unit trusts is

launching a global equity fund aimed at Globe shareholders free of the usual 5 per cent initial charge.

Clive Boothman, Schroder's managing director, said: "Our normal front-end load, equivalent to a 5 per cent discount, reflects our concern for the plight of Globe shareholders and the fact that For those who need to defer many will incur capital gains

tion in which the private shareholder should not come out the loser.

Gartmore fund managers is offering a reinvestment service to Globe shareholders linked to a choice of four unit trusts with a four per cent discount on the offer price.

The discount, Gartmore ims, is equivalent to a price of 213p per Globe share, including the 4p dividend and taking a full front end charge of 5.25 per cent.

There is a choice of the Frontier Markets trust, the Pacific Growth trust, the British Growth trust and the Practical Investment fund which invests in a variety of investment trusts.

The minimum lump sum investment in any of the four trusts is £500. Gartmore is also offering free investment counselling for Globe

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Facing trouble with the neighbours

days looming, many homeowners are living live in dread could probably claim the of next door's unruly children hitting their cricket balls allowing their children to through the windows and then trampling over the flowerbeds to retrieve them.

moving home, is to make sure off a roof and landed on an your house building insurance policy is up to date to pay for any damage caused by children, including one's own.

Should next door's children cause damage to your garden or property that is considered excessive, or not covered by your insurance, policy, you can try suing the parents for allowing the children to run

There is no point attempting to sue the youngsters for damage because they could not afford to pay damages even if you won the case.

plained how insurance companies handle claims.

To start with, you would have to claim under your own policy, not next door's parents' policy. Then your insurance company would probably advise whether there

"If you don't have any insurance of your own or essary, some of the cost from

WITH the long school holi- don't want to involve your insurance company, then you neighbours were negligent in cause the damage.

He gave an example of how difficult this can be. "We had The best advice, short of a case recently where tiles fell expensive car.

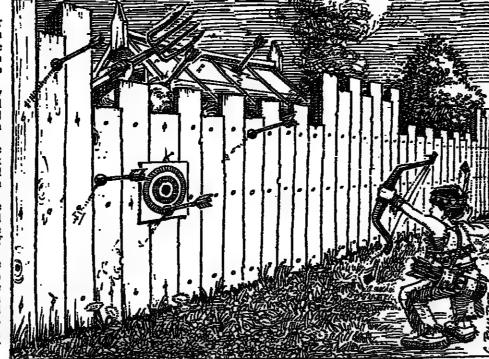
'The car owner claimed the neighbour was negligent but the Small Claims Court agreed with the householder that high winds were to blame. "I suspect that the same

thing might happen if small children kick the ball over the fence because this is the sort of thing that children do."

There is no limit to the number of claims you can make on a house insurance policy although, as it is a contract which is renewed each year, the insurance com-Philip Dell. underwriting pany could, in the extreme, manager at Sun Alliance, ex-refuse to provide insurance for another year.

But, as a Prudential spokesman explained, while the policy is in force, the insurance company must pay out.

Where a policyholder is making a large number of expensive claims, the company might try to reclaim, through the courts if nec-



all the trouble,

Under the terms of your insurance, you may be paying an excess of £25 or £50 on every claim that you make,

you need to make several claims, in which case one

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could try to recoup the excess from your neighbour.

Legal expenses insurance can be bought for about £100 to £150 a year and this would pay the cost of any case

It is also worthwhile letting neighbours know quite clearly whether you will allow the children to pop over the fence to pick up their ball regularly, just occasionally or not at all.

If it is known children are likely to come into your garden, even without your permission, you should check the state of your garden and

outbuildings in case there is any way they could injure themselves, perhaps by tripping over a rusty wire. If they did, the tables could be turned and you could be sued for negligence yourself.

Most household insurance policies include third party liability insurance for up to £1 million, on which there is no excess. This would pay up if you were successfully sued. But for this to happen, the neighbour must be able to prove negligence.

In a court case last year, parents had to pay £20,000 damages to a girl who was seriously scalded at a children's party they had held 14 years earlier because they failed in their duty of care. If they had not been able to

call on their house insurance, they would have had to pay the money out of their own

An insurance policy will cover you, your spouse and your children, including any adopted and fostered and children who usually live with

It remains in force while visiting other people's homes and even if the dispute arises while on holiday. It will not cover children's friends, but one could still be found neg-

Breaking the tie surott of societies on house insurance

By CONAL GREGORY

building society members are an excess is applied: usually finding that they are paying this will be £500 in the case of more than necessary to insure their homes and often with little choice of company.

to secure a lower premium

Bardsey, West Yorkshire. He is director of an engineering company and they completed ered this on the high side and better rates. The society's rate surer was selected from eight nominated ones. These included General Accident, Guardian Royal Exchange, Legal and General, Royal and Sun Alliance. .

His broker, Alan Beardmore of Beardmore Taylor, Leeds, checked the insurance market and suggested Zurich Insurance, which quoted a avoid the policy's excess. This for a minimum sum insured would have required them to of £25,000. pay the first part of any claim.

The society charged a single payment of £17.25 to check the Zurich policy and to obtain an undertaking that the

AN INCREASING number of policy document will reveal if claims for subsidence, frost,

heave or landslip. Mr Howard Lazenby, a fael-By checking with reputable salesman, and his wife brokers, it may not be difficult. Gillian, switched from Eagle Star, which turned out to be and in some cases a more the insurer nominated by the comprehensive policy. But the Portman and Wessex, because onus is on the policyholder to they wanted accidental damtake the action.

Mr and Mrs Peter Hooton live in a detached house in Bardsey, West Yorkshire. He is director of an engineering

involved," says Mrs Lazenby. a new mortgage for their for their terraced property in Leeds, the Lazenbys were with National and Provincial. The society quoted buildings insurance at £2.30 per £1,000 of cover. Mr Hooton considered and Wessex, based at Boimieered this on the high side and mouth. Dorset, have a panel asked his broker to check for of eight insurance companies. was the same whichever in- from Eagle Star, the society quotes Commercial Union General Accident, Guardian Royal Exchange, Legal and General B&C insurance Bro-kers (Lloyds), National, Employers Insurance and Sen-

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Switched companies: Howard and Gillian Lazenby.

Third World cash plea to water shareholders

By JON ASHWORTH

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The money raised will help

Third World countries.

children die from water re-David Collett, director of WaterAid, said: We hope that people who have taken a stake in the water industry in this country will respond generously to enable others to

projects." Shareholders have until the end of July to complete pay-

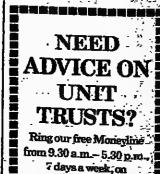
implement their own water

ments on their water shares. This will require payments of 70p per share — 60p where the special discount applies if shareholders wish to maintain the status of their current

Many shareholders will not wish to find the extra cash and will consider selling their shareholdings and taking a

The final day when shares can be sold without making the additional payment is next

MIM Britannia will swop water shares for an investment of at least £1,000 in its TaxHaven Pep, free of dealing costs. The unit trust group expects to take in as much as £5 million from water share-



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Eurotunnel asks banks to dig deep

By RUPERT BRUCE

THE banks supporting Euro-tunnel, developer of the Chan-nel tunnel, are finalising another £2 billion loan to the project before signing a re-financing agreement in Sept-

After that, it will be the shareholders' turn to stump up £530 million in a rights issue planned for October.

Most of the 208 banks are expected to increase the size of their loans to Eurotunnel by the requested 40 per cent, although some of the smaller ones may bow out.

But persuading sharehold-ers to take up the rights issue at the likely price of 400p will not be easy after the infighting and unexpected cost over-runs seen at Eurotunnel over the past year.

Some City analysts feel the present share price of about 483p is far too high, and consequently so is the proposed rights issue price.

Over the past year the shares have plunged from a peak of about £11.80. The rot was started by news of the cost over-run last July, but that was just the beginning A bitter battle followed between Eurotunnel and

TransManche-Link, the consortium of builders, over the size of the over-run and who should foot the bill. Last October, the dispute between the two went public

when Eurotunnel said the tunnel would cost £7 billion and TransManche-Link £7.5 In the prospectus in 1987 costs had been estimated at

£4.87 billion. Finally, in January, an agreement was reached in principle when TransManche-Link agreed to pay 30 per cent of any cost over-runs arising from actual digging of the



million relating to the stations and connecting electrics. This will probably be settled by an international court of arbi-

tration. But then TransManche-Link refused to sign the agreement unless there were staff changes at Eurotunnel. At this point, the Bank of England stepped in to stop the bickering and prevent the project's

Eurotunnel's co-chairman, Alastair Morton, became deputy chairman and chief executive, and John Neerhout, executive vice-president of the American Bechtel Group, became project chief executive, with responsibility for day-today construction.

Come the rights issue in October, the project should be less risky than it is now. The The two agreed to differ borrow the £2 billion, and the

Begging bowl: Alastair Morton is returning with a £530m cash call in October over a sum of more than £300 service tunnel running under have to have a more sophisthe sea should have been ticated transportation system

completed. Eurotunnel can be fairly sure that the two running tunnels the trains travel through being dug on either side of the service tunnel, will not encounter unforeseen difficult ground. All tunnelling work should be completed

by the early autumn of 1991. However, then Eurotunnel will have to fit out the tunnels and make sure they are running efficiently before the planned opening in June,

This is an area in which both Eurotunnel and its builders have least expertise and where there will still be a

One insider said: "The shuttle wagons are going to be as big as anything anywhere in banks should have signed the world. It is going to be the facilities for Eurotunnel to busiest stretch of railway any-

than anywhere else in the

world.' TransManche-Link has to sub-contract out the work of fitting-out the tunnel. Most of this has been done, with the engineers, Balfour Beatty and Spie Batignolles, installing the bulk of the electrics. The complex signalling and computerised control systems

have been ordered. But there are dozens of subcontracts still to be arranged and many of these sub-contracts could over-run their original cost.

There is also a degree of scepticism among City analysts over Eurotunnel's traffic and revenue forecasts, which determine its profitability and dividend payments.

If Eurotunnel does have to charge cheaper fares than planned in order to fill the tunnel, obviously profits will

personally believes that Eurotunnel's forecasts err on the side of pessimism.

As repaying the banks is Eurotunnel's first commit-ment, shareholders could find their 1998 maiden dividend initially planned for 1995 delayed even further. Another uncertainty is the absence of plans for a high-speed rail link between London and the Channel nunnel.

But Mr Morton has said that while no link can now be started until 1991, and this will take at least nine years to complete, it will have only a marginal effect on Eurotunnel's traffic and revenue

Jennie Younger, a transport analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, thinks that bearing in mind the risks the rights issue would not be worth taking at 400p.

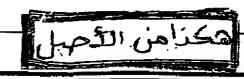
Instead, she would prefer a deeply discounted price of around 240p, which Eurotunnel is actively considering as an alternative option if conditions on the British and French stock markets deteriorate throughout the Summer

She expects the share price to drift over the summer, although it may show a small rise if Eurotunnel completes its agreement with the banks in September, and in November when the service tunnel is

Richard Hannah of UBS Phillips and Drew, the broker, is a long-time critic of

He said: "Why should anyone invest in Eurotunnel, given the risks, when you can get a much better return in an established equity."

Mr Hannah thinks that Eurotunnel's price should be about 300p. He recommends the shares should be sold at any price above that.



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American over-the-counter stocks through telephone op-erations in Europe have been advertisements in the Financ-erations in Europe have been brought home forcibly to a reader in Edinburgh.

In April 1989 he bought two lots of shares in Xmark Corporation from Indiao Investment of Marbelle, Spain. He naid \$4 and \$5 per share in the belief that the company was hoping to become a software supplier to IBM.

But when he asked to sell the shares through Indigo last month, he was told this was not possible as Xmark was no longer on the market.

Thomas Devlin, the Canadian owner of Indigo, told Weekend Money that Xmark was a stock his firm had dealt in some time ago when he thought this was an up and coming company, but things had not worked out that way.

"It was a hot computer deal back in 1988-9 that just never got going," said Mr Devlin. "We can't find a marketmaker any more - we've been looking for a couple of months." He said the reader's busi-

THE drawbacks of dealing in ness with his company had stocks. But unusually there been initiated in a response to

al Herald Tribune in 1987-8. "We are not advertising any longer. We've built up a client base we are happy with," he said. Indigo's main business was in futures and options and portfolio management. It had sold stocks such as Xmark to people who had asked for a

recommendation, he added. Indigo is not authorised to carry on investment business in Britain.

As the Securities and Investments Board's recent court actions against Vandersteen of Belgium estab-lished, it has been illegal for unauthorised firms to initiate investment business by tele-phoning British residents from abroad since April 1988.

Mr Devlin denied reports

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that Indigo had any connection with the Canadian, Peter Jeffreys, of failed Charter Life. Checks with American brokers revealed that Xmark still appears in the "pink sheets" covering over-the-counter

was no mention of any marketmaker and no record of any trades for the last 274 days.

Philip Haines, the founder, chairman and chinf executive of Xmark based in Irvine, California, said the only real option for shareholders was to hang on in the hope that the company would revive.

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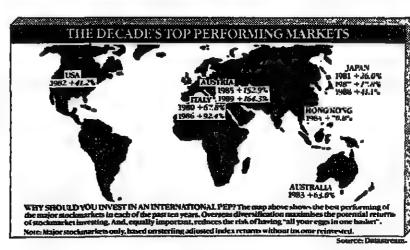
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Beware fading memories of those little holiday 'extras'

HOLIDAYMAKERS who are planning to pay their hotel bills with credit cards have been given a warning to keep a record of all they spend.

mentary bills to the credit card companies long after the stay is over and the cardholder has forgotten what he actually ate and drank.

A Weekend Money reader who stayed at an hotel in Edinburgh last month received a letter this week saying that it had debited his Barclaycard account for a further £9.

This was for items which it did not have on its records when he checked out of the hotel. It went on to say that if he disputed the extra bill he should contact the hotel.

He has disputed one of the items because he knows he never buys chocolate. Regarding the others, he is not sure three weeks later - whether he had the drinks from the room's mini-bar or not. At Barclaycard a spokes-

man said hotels are entitled to claim their money back if customers checked out before all the charges were known. To obtain this money hotels often put in another voucher.

bill includes everything If it matic right to make the does not, they should make a charge. If it is put through it note of what they have had.

comes through they may have customer complains it should forgotten what they had. They be removed from their bill." should keep the receipt and voucher even after the next



account in this way. .

credit card company that the item was not authorised and request them to charge it back to the hotel. At the end of the day a customer is only liable for the amount on the voucher they sign.

People paying hotel bills by credit card should ask if the bill they don't have the auto-"If there is a mistake on the would be met by the credit "By the time the second bill card company. But if the

He continued: "If the customer has had the services ation to put the charge another method," he said. statement arrives, as extra they are legally liable to pay. It through first." charges could come through is common practice if an hotel Mr Lindsey on the following statement," has the card number to make a hotel resistration. At Save & Prosper, Ian second charge if they find

doubted whether the hotel on to the credit card slips and incurred during the stay. should debit a credit card to check against statements.

He said: "All the customer technically authorised to has to do is to write to the make the charge, it may be the At the end of the

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easiest way the customer has of paying a bill after they have left the notel. It would be best be removed from their bill." . if the hotel wrote to the

At Barclaycard the spokes-"While the hotel may not be man said that holidaymakers who had not booked hotels in advance were often asked to hand over a credit card on arrival for the receptionist to card purchase. take an imprint. The hotel was then protected if the holidaymaker left without paying

> unless the customer decides to pay by some other method. copy your signature.
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> Then they must make sure that they get the voucher back. larly in the Far East, there

authorisation for the cost of taking an impression and the room at the outset and that making a replica card." could leave the cardholder customer asking for authoris- on their card if they paid by space for anyone to change the

is common practice if an hotel Mr Lindsey said that some lems arise on hotiday is hire filled in and that the amount is has the card number to make a hotel registration forms are cars, said Barclaycard. Many correct. This prevents res-At Save & Prosper, Ian second charge if they find worded to give them authorising firms will not let people hire taurants from adding tops after.

Lindsey, banking director, extra items. It is vital to hang ation to charge for any bills cars unless they agree to pay he has signed the bill.

"They need to know that they have some sort of security to get the car back and will either ask customers to sign a blank voucher, or estimate the full cost of the hire and charge that at the outset. Then they will make an adjustment when the car is refund through the card or an additional charge," said the

People using the autoroutes in France can pay their tolls by credit card. Cards are wiped through automated terminals and no signature is required by the motorist. But there were few disputes because people remembered which route they had taken, said Mr Lindsev.

Diners Club warned holidaymakers this week never to let their cards out of sight. And it suggests that they should not hand their cards over to waiters in restartiants. "Politely ask the waiter to 🗲 bring the machine over to you

"The reason for this is that it has been known for corrupt "This usually works fine across the card, reserving them for later when they can

"Some hotels get an have been cases of fraudsters"

with much less cash available ensure that they never leave a total amount at a later date Another area where prob- and that the total box has been

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Insurers aim to curb claims

From Mr Roger Gillham respectfully suggest that the British Safety Council do not fully appreciate the measures insurance companies and Lloyd's actually take to prevent claims or the causes of the increasing claims costs.

As an insurance broker with a large personal insurance portfolio I am in a position of seeing at first hand claims prevention procedures and of course handling the actual claims as they arise.

Motor Insurance - Insurers do discuss ways of repairing industry does a lot to and send specialist engineers to inspect most accident

Insurers are now able to influence the motor industry to fit improved locks and factory fitted alarms in some

Many insurers offer window etching services to prevent car thefts.

Surely the best way to improve claims is a better road system and driver training, hardly the insurers' responsibility.

Household Insurance - The majority of claims are as a result of natural catastrophes 3 July.

Sir, In reply to Insurance the spate in recent years of Rises" (Letters July 3) I subsidence claims, although aggravated by drought conditions, could in hindsight be traced to possible incorrect depth of foundations or subfloor design.

House insurers do survey high risk properties to improve theft security, they do offer discounts off premiums for burglar alarms, door and window locks and Neighbourhood Watch schemes.

Some even offer smoke alarms at special prices.

minimise claims, after all it is in its own interest.

Motor premiums will tend to follow any increase in carprices and garage repair costs. Finally, there are so many insurers all competing for business that this fact alone will keep premiums to a competitive level.

Yours faithfully, ROGER GILLHAM, RCM Associates (Insurance Brokers),

(Insurance Brokers) Ltd., Guildgate House, 180 High Street, Crowthorne, Berkshire.

False reassurance from regulators

From Mr L Arrowsmith Sir, Lindsay Cook stated last week the public want an organisation to complain to if things go wrong.

It seems to me that the Financial Intermediaries Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra) and the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Org-anisation (Lautro) give false

They must be aware that if they do not publicise their addresses they are likely to get. little comment from the public. There are always early Gwynedd.

signs that the less reputable financial organisations are so

If Fimbra and Lautro actively encouraged the public to inform them of their doubts they would be able to investigate and act earlier than at

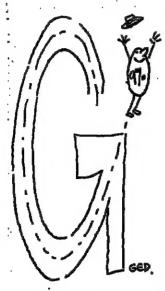
Fimbra and Lautro are not effective and do not seek to be effective. Radical changes are peeded.

Yours sincerely MR L ARROWSMITH Maes Y Lian, Pen Y Bryn Road,

Giro Keyway versus the direct debit

From Mr P A C Wells Sir, In view of the cost rising each year, to pay gas and electricity bills by direct debit must be a close second to purchasing stamps for this purpose, as payment is made in advance.

I have a Giro Keyway



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account that pays at present 9 per cent interest, and these bills are paid once a quarter. They can be paid by post (free) or at the local showroom. Until BT changed their accounting system it was also possible to pay telephone accounts this way. An added bonus is a £100 cheque card, free Visa, and Link automate teller machines at most of the large building societies and post offices, with my local sub post office as a last resort.

To pay rates in ten instalments my local council insisted on direct debits, and I continued this for the Community Charge. The first payment was taken from my account, but nothing since, even though after checking with my very helpful local Girobank office at 7pm one evening, my authorisation is still in force. I am quite happy to receive the interest while the matter is sorted out! Yours faithfully,

PCA WELLS, 23 Raven Drive, Broomhall, Worcester, 7 July.

Solicitors and investment business

From Mr Simon D Baggott Sir, I write to reply briefly to a number of points made in Mr Peter Eagers' letter (June 18) with regard to investment business by solicitors.

Firstly, Mr Eager points out, inter alla, that a solicitor authorised to conduct investment business is authorised to advise on all types of investment business, including fu-tures. Strictly speaking, this is quite true, although to say so without qualification is misleading.

By virtue of Rule 3(1)(c) of the Solicitors' Investment Business Rules 1990, a solicitor is prohibited from entering into margined transactions as an agent for a client; and options, futures and contracts for differences are all mar-

gined transactions for the

purpose of this rule. Secondly, Mr Eager raises the question of embezzlement in the context of the Fimbra

Solicitors, of course, are regulated to a very considerable extent above and beyoud the said rules relating to investment business. One of the effects of this further regulation, is that, on the whole, a client of a solicitor who embezzies that client's money will have his money refunded to him in total and without limit by the Law Society Compensation Fund. Yours faithfully SIMON D BAGGOTT,

(Solicitor), 112 Chorley Road, Sheffield.

Differing priority of duties and benefits

From Mr D J Beard Sir, Mr Freeman's solution to dissatisfaction with direct debit originators is correct (Letters June 30). It should not be necessary but it is available and effective.

Not all originators under the scheme give the same priority to their duties as to their benefits. Similarly regular payments may be charged to a credit card account but the card company will refuse countermanding instructions. Thus, where the beneficiary proves as hot as British Gas, the cardholder will be unable to shut down a line of credit (and liability) to himself.

If a safeguard exists, the credit card companies are not eager to publish it. Is this,

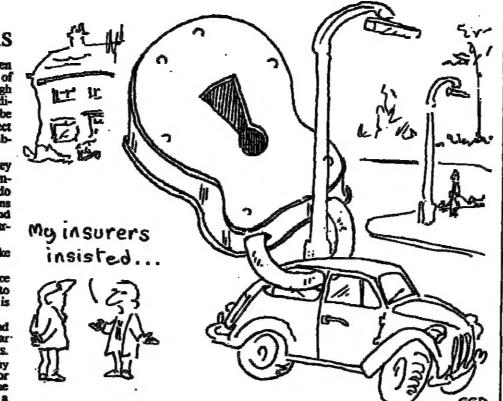
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perhaps, another case where duties attract the lower priority? Yours faithfully MR D J BEARD, Lilac Cottage Gannetts, Todber. Sturminster Newton, Dorset, July 3.

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Smaller shareholder suggests Sids seek shorter summaries

From Major G H Chambers Sir, I was allotted 1,400 shares in the British Gas flotation: soon topped up to 3,800.

I remember writing, having received the first annual report, to suggest that "the Sids" were interested only in the dividend — "how much?" and when?" (the first takes a bit of looking for in the latest

law's an ass.

shareholders own an average of less than 400 shares. I am sure they would much prefer a short summary, similar to a typical interim report, which they could understand.

If this were permitted, they Hampshire.

Their answer, of course, was would be pleased to know that "it's the law". As so often, the their company had been saved taw's an ass.

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The more information an independent financial adviser has the better it is for his clients. But that does not appear to be how at least one regulator sees it.

A plan by Provident Life, the insurance company, to give independent advisers issues of a magazine supplement comparing the investment results of pension plans has been shelved after intervention by the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro). The magazine detailed the different investment performance that could be achieved by pensions when the policyholder paid for his or her advice by a fee or by commission.

In many cases the survey shows that investors would be better off paying an up-front fee instead of allowing their broker to be paid a proportion of their premiums by the insurance

Lautro has decided that the issue of extracts, full surveys or supplements could break projection rules and should not go ahead. The decision means that brokers charged with the duty of

And the blind shall lead the blind

giving clients the best advice under the Financial Services Act are being denied all the information they need.

Weekend Money readers learned last month the advantages that can be gained from paying a fee instead of commission, especially for larger pension plans. The survey of 40 insurance companies showed the affect of commission on a £5,000 a year pension over 25 years could be a reduction ranging from £27,000 to £95,000. Typically, a £500 fee would be charged for setting up such a plan. The chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, David Walker, has decided that it is not the job of the regulators to produce investment statistics. He has called upon newspapers and magazines to do this. It is therefore unfortunate that when a magazine takes an initiative, its good work will not be read by all who need the information.

Advisers who are already



COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

aware of the supplement can buy their own copy of Money Management. But those who are maware of the supplement will be forced to remain in ignorance. The Financial Services Act was intended to protect investors from fraudsters and misinformation, not to keep information from its practitioners and consequently those investors.

Only fee-based advice can be totally independent as the broker will not be influenced by commission. If a fee is paid a professional broker loses nothing if the correct advice is for the client to do nothing or to invest in a product which pays no commisson to the broker.

Since the maximum commission agreement ended last year the

level of commission paid to independent advisers and tied agents has risen considerably. Insurance companies may feel they have to increase the amount they pay brokers to attract more business. Truly independent brokers reject the inference that they can be bought and there has been a move towards fees in recent months.

There will, however, always be a place for commission-based advice. Some people would not be able to find the fee in addition to all other costs when they are taking out an endowment mortgage. Many resent paying professional fees for accountants and solicitors let alone investment guidance. Others would rather there may be no premiums re-kid themselves they are getting turned at all if a policy is cashed

be nice to think that where fees benefit the consumer they will get to know about it.

Churning over

Regulators are beginning to congratulate themselves that the Financial Services Act is reducing the churning of insurance policies. Churning is when a salesman suggests that an investor cancels an existing insurance policy and buys a new one, on which he earns com-

Even where the existing policy is with a poor-performing house and the new one is with one of the best, the investor is likely to be worse off as a result. Only the salesman benefits.

Surrender values, while improving, still leave investors out of pocket and in some cases

in during the first five years. Lenders and brokers who used to insist on a particular policy being taken out for the whole of an endowment loan when a special offer was made, now might only insist on the top portion of the loan being covered by their

product. Other lenders keen to improve their share of the mortgage market are offering interest-only loans. These allow the borrowers to choose whether they use an existing policy, a personal equity plan or an expected inheritance

to pay off their mortgage. The strong competition for mortgage business and the flat state of the housing market are the mostly likely reasons why the number of surrendered policies might be reducing. Whatever the

reasons it is good news. The first statistics which might back up the claims will be published in the autumn by the

Association of British Insurers. These give the number of policies surrended early and the amount of money involved. The statistics will cover 1989 - the first full year of the Financial Services ACL

THE 12,000 investors in Dumenil, the stricken unit trust group, have been told they face a further delay before any decision is reached on a final payment by the company and its trustees (writes Tony Hetherington).

It has become clear, though, that although City regulators may take disciplinary action against the trustees, Midland Bank and Coutts, neither Dumenii nor the trustees will pay compensation to unitholders who are forced to take

French-owned groupmanaged 11 separate unit trust funds, mostly specialising in the stock market of one country, such as Belgium, Italy, Spain and Switzerland. Trading in all the funds was suspended by the company itself on November 6 last year, when officials discovered that they had been publishing incorrect unit prices for as long as 15 months.

It was the first time since unit trusts were launched in Britain 54 years ago that trading in a company's units had been halted.

On December 5 the Securities and Investments Board (SIB), the market watchdog, made the dealing suspension compulsory, and on February 5 it ordered all the funds to be wound up. In March, payments were made to unitholders, based on the correct value of their units as at

Now, Dumenil and the two banks which acted as trustees have told investors that work has still not been completed to recalculate the correct daily

Dumenil investors face further delay for decision on final payment

prices for their units. Inves-tors who bought or sold units Banque Dumenil-Leble, from November may well have done so at false prices.

A Midland Bank spokes-man said this week: "Unitholders have had one payment, and those entitled under the reconstruction will get more. There is no guarantee that everybody will get more, because some of the unit values under the reconstruction may be less than we have actually paid out, but we won't be asking for money back."

Some investors, though, complain that the enforced winding up of the funds has left them facing a loss, because unit prices at the crucial date of November 6 were below their original purchase price.

An investor in Bedford lost £700 of her original £2,000 investment when her units were cancelled. She said: "I only invested because the name of Midland Bank ap-

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A Midland Bank spokes
A Midland Bank spokes-Bank, the trustees whose task was to safeguard investors'

interests by monitoring the conduct of the fund managers. Mrs Gibbons invested £500 in the Dumenil Swiss Growth Fund when it was launched in 1987. She has received a payment of £333, based on the units' value at the suspension date. All investors who had joined when the fund was launched, and still held their units last November, face the loss of a third of their money.

Unlike investors in funds which merely show a loss due to market conditions, Dumenil's investors cannot sit tight and wait for the market to

Mrs Gibbons says she has been let down by both Dumenil and Coutts, the peared as a guarantee to me. trustees of the Swiss Growth Somebody must be respon-sible for this mismanage-ment." She said. "It was on expect to come to a joint One investor, Tima Gib- this basis that I bought the decision Questions have been bons, has asked Nicholas Rid- units, and I continued to hold raised all along the line about ley, the trade secretary, to bar them into the autumn of 1989, Dumenil."

despite the possibility of reinvesting the remaining sum.
"I also believe that the trustees involved should not be allowed to evade respon-sibility for failing to monitor the fund managers ad-

equately."

Dumenil itself has refused to compensate Mrs Gibbons for the loss of her £167. Nigel Herrick, marketing director, who resigned from the company recently, told her. "No guarantee was issued that an original return of capital would be due in the event of any future merging or winding up of the trust."

And Coutts said: "It is appreciated that the winding up is unprecedented, and that it does present you with a situation in which your investment has effectively been compulsorily repurchased from you."

Nevertheless, the bank felt "that the terms of repayment outlined fairly compensate unitholders who may have lost financially from invest-ment in the fund."

The SIB together with the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation, to which Dumenil belonged, have both been in contact with Mrs Gibbons and are considering whether to bring disciplinary proceedings against Coutts and Midland for failing to detect Dumenil's problems over such a lengthy period.

An SIB official said: "We expect to come to a joint

The pensions promise that ends with company failure

SINCE the launch of personal pensions two years ago, company schemes have been seeking to hang on to members by promoting themselves as a safer alternative, based on final salaries instead of the inknown future performance of the stock market.

But reality can be very different, particularly if the scheme's parent company runs into difficulties, as recent experience at Rockwood has

Under present law, pension heme members can be kept in ignorance of their fund's investment dealings for more than a year after they occur. Members also have very few rights if the employer goes into receivership or is declared bankrupt, though the new Social Security Act is to include provisions aimed at improving this position.

Rockwood, a freight and distribution company quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market sold two buildings to its pension fund in May this

Last month Weekend Money drew attention to the deal. But for press comment, Rockwood's 2,700 pension scheme members would not have learned of this purchase until the middle of next year, money involved was £4.8 against the fund's estimated total assets of £20 million. The Rockwood pension scheme has an April yearend and only issues investment information to members

in its annual report.
At the time of the property deal, it seemed that Rockwood's pension scheme might find it awkward to comply with the revised rules, to be introduced next year, on investment by pension funds in their employers' businesses or buildings. These will limit self-investment" to 5 per cent of assets: about one quarter of the level Rockwood's cheme appeared to hold.

Tom Forrest, chairman of Rockwood and a trustee of the pension scheme, insisted that the fund would be able to meet the future requirements on self-investment "without disinvestment of the properties. But last week the whole

future of the pension scheme was placed in doubt when Rockwood went into receivership after the failure of a £5 million rescue attempt involv-ing Lee Ming Tee, a businessman based in the Far East. Receivers called into a com-

cany concentrate on trying to sell the business as a going concern, but take no part in deciding the future of the pension fund. This remains the reponsibility of the trustees: in Rockwood's case, Mr Forrest and Roger Miller, the Rockwood company secretary.

Theoretically, as a company



pension fund is a separate leg- trustees themselves might well

assets, fall short of the final

salary link that may have

lured members to join in the

first place. There is, of course,

no longer a salary for the pension to be linked to.

sense that if the company goes

Association of Pension Funds adding that an allowance

would also be made for the

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tion required by the Social

Security Act for people whose

money now," said Mr Brown.

only be used to provide retire-

noted that people over 50 could be entitled to take early

retirement with a lump sum as

Members have no say in

service is terminated.

well as their pension.

their scheme is wound up.

"Really you want to deal in bulk overall," said Mr Brown,

It would add to the admin-

istrative chore if you con-

ther made up their own minds

which company to choose or

went on expert advice, "just as

He added that trustees ei-

ulted all your members."

"It is a final salary in the

al entity it could continue op- be made redundant and not erating without the company, realise that they remain liable but what normally happens is for the schen scheme and sell off the assets

At the Occupational Pensions Advisory Service, which handles complaints and enquiries about pensions, Terry Brand, deputy chairman, said that while it is quite normal for directors to be trustees of a pension scheme, too often hese people are "not availwhen a company goes

"In some of the worst cases they disappear," he said, "and we have great difficulty in ting promises honoured." There is no question, however, of Mr Forrest or Mr Miller having disappeared.

Although he did not have statistics. Mr Brand said the service was dealing with dozeas of cases of missing trust-More than we would wish: some very unpleasant situations last until the whole receivership is resolved." In some of these cases, the

pension fund being wound up did not have the money to Margaret Grainger, chair-man of OPAS, said the big

problem is persuading people

that individuals know their companies are going into liquidation but cannot get any She added that one weak-

have to inform members as ness of trust law is that the

terms. But the buyer company cannot make joining its own scheme a condition of contratring employment Trustees of pension funds with a shortfall can make a claim to the employment

employer's contributions cal-culated in line with the Social Security Pensions Act of 1975. But insolvency specialists

say it is far more common? today for the pension schemes of ailing companies to be in surples and for disputes to arise over what should happen

"Creditors cannot get their hands on the assets of the pen sion scheme and it does not matter if the trustees happed to be directors of the company: or if the company has massive-

However, Colin Bird of Price Waterhouse, who chairs. the technical committee of the. Insolvency Practitioners' Aspension fund trust deeds intrustees discretion to enhance when the fund was wound up would then go back to the

Many trust deeds also apoint the employer company itself as one, or perhaps the in conflict of interest. If the employer company goes hank? of the company clash with the demands of its creditors.

cases to court, but received which insurance company is conflicting decisions. In one to provide their pensions after trustee could do what he liked under its discretionary power but in another the court said the trustee would have to exercise his discretion so that the creditors received the surplus.

change. One of the most important provisions of the new Social Security Act is that. cases of insolvency an ways be appointed when the employer company is the only

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there are no statutory limits on how soon a fund must be wound up. Mr Brown said his thought that trustees would usually try to complete the process amounts. process quickly.

Being a trustee for a scheme when an employer has: gone bust is not pleasant, he

said. If a company in receiver-ship is sold, there is us automatic transfer of the pession sion fund or the members' pension rights.

If the buyer company has its own pension fund it can offer membership to members of the pension scheme, but is under no obligation to do this, or to match their existing

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The discreet charms of white collar crimes

By ANGELA MACKAY

MONTY Raphael, the doyen of that small part of the legal profession specialising in profession specialising in PROFILE white collar crime, is a coy

At first meeting, coy seems a misnomer considering he confessed immediately to being an avid reader of Henry

However, the qualifications started early with his stated preference for Colossus of Maroussi over Tropic of Cancer and I was advised to read a book, Bitter Lemons, by Miller's great friend, Lawrence Durrell, which would really put me in the picture.

Compact and sleek with collar-length grey hair and a matching close-cropped beard, Raphael, aged about 50, is almost rhapsodic about his love for the law of white collar crime.

He has a passion about the theory and is fascinated by its practice. He makes most of the appearances in the lower courts himself on behalf of his clients and once seen on his feet in court, he is the man many would call if the Internal Revenue discovered their blind trust in Liechtenstein.

For someone who likes to talk, Raphael had to be wooed to speak to The Times.

Meetings were held at court, at the Howard Hotel, where Monty is known as a breakfaster and luncher, and there were several top-up conversations on the telephone.

. He often said he could not understand why he was a worthy interviewee and raised an eyebrow when he heard his profile might follow that of Lord Alexander.

It is the flourishing of alleged white collar crime that has made Raphael's name and produced a fine income for his firm, Peters & Peters. Indeed, his client list covers many of those involved in high-profile City trials since Big Bang.

The biggest to date is that all-time blockbuster, the Guinness trial, where Peters & have firm ideas about their Peters represent Anthony Parnes, the stockbroker, accused along with Ernest Saunders, Gerald Ronson and Sir Jack Lyons who together face a total of 24 counts of alleged theft, fraud and breaches of the Companies Act, 1985. They deny all

.The Guinness saga is guaranteed to make well over £200,000 for Peters & Peters and the firms representating the two other defendants who and Ronson, according to vague estimates by The Law

Also on Raphael's books is Nicholas Wells, accused of breaches of the Companies Act in the Blue Arrow Affair, Robert Miller the chief of Dunsdale Securities, the investment house that collapsed last month owing at least £17 million, and the former fimance director of the collapsed investment house Barlow Glowes. They deny all charges.

Raphael also successfully defended Ian Posgate, a former star underwriter on the Lloyd's of London Insurance market. He was cleared last year of accusations that he was part of a conspiracy to steal from Lloyd's syndicates.

"Peters & Peters would have to be the first or second port of call if you are wellknown and want an authoritative assessment of your position or help in a hurry," according to a barrister at the —BUSINESS—

Monty Raphael

"But I don't think Monty is really in it just for the money. He is a workaholic - obsessive about not only about his cases but also the direction of the law and its formulation. His interest borders on the voyeuristic."

Fortunately lawyers are dedicated gossips, particularly about each other. Unfortunately none of them wanted to be quoted by name. "The criminal law on this matter is developing and Monty enjoys being at the forefront of these developments. He can only do this by accepting the big clients and by being on the inside looking out," the barrister concluded.

Raphael says he could see

white collar crime growing in the mid-1970s with the introduction of value added tax."You started to see VAT fraud and its twin crime, tax fraud, mushroom among businesspeople," he said.

"Our firm was already doing a lot of criminal tax work and the multi- disciplinary nature of the practice is appealing. One case can involve tax law, criminal law, commercial law and public law. I don't get bored."

Raphael has also enschewed the glamour of court work to pursue his pession academi-cally in Britain, the United States and West Germany on a Council of Europe fellowship.

"The Serious Fraud Office is is similar to the West German system which is very different from the United States model. Germany, for example, has specialised prosecutors and courts dealing with white collar criminals."

He will not be drawn on what he thinks about white collar culprits but he must psychology and an opinion about that thin line between a deal which is criminal or just clever. He says the Serious Fraud Office does its best but obviously thinks that is not good enough.

"They can only handle a maximum of 60 cases at one. time and an arbitrary number like that does not take 'real life' into consideration."

"Interest in the instance of white collar crime and the development of the law is growing at a rate faster than

and tends to stab his scram- lectures at a college if you bled eggs to emphasise a point. must know, makes sure the "Tell me when we are on the children have up-to-date

record and off the record, won't you," he asks. But this is difficult when iust about everything he says is iced with an arch, selfdeprecating manner which begs for quotation. Another needs about five hours sleep barrister who has acted for the and does not partake of any prosecution on cases where Raphael has been for the defendant said he had the ability to look relaxed even when completely absorbed.

Is this a good thing? "Not really. I am a pessimist. If someone says I am relaxed at work then it might

'He has a passion about the theory and is fascinated by its practice. He makes most of the appearances in the lower courts himself on behalf of his clients and once seen on his feet in court, he is the man many would call if the Internal Revenue discovered their blind trust in Liechtenstein.

"The International Bar Association [Raphael is chairman of its Business Crime Committee] held two evening seminars about one month ago on the subject and more than 90 people showed up including several senior mem-

bers of the Bar." Once Raphael embarks on his favourite topic, he is hard to budge. He becomes restive, exciteable - within bounds -

enough and on the other hand if they say I am obsessive, I hate the idea of being called an obvious workaholic," Raphael

explained. Does he have a family? Yes. Does this mean a wife and children? Yes. What do they do? Most of the time they live with me. You are very jealous of your private life.
"No, it's just that they rarely

recognise me. My wife, who

photographs of me so they know who I am and recognis me as a source of funds."

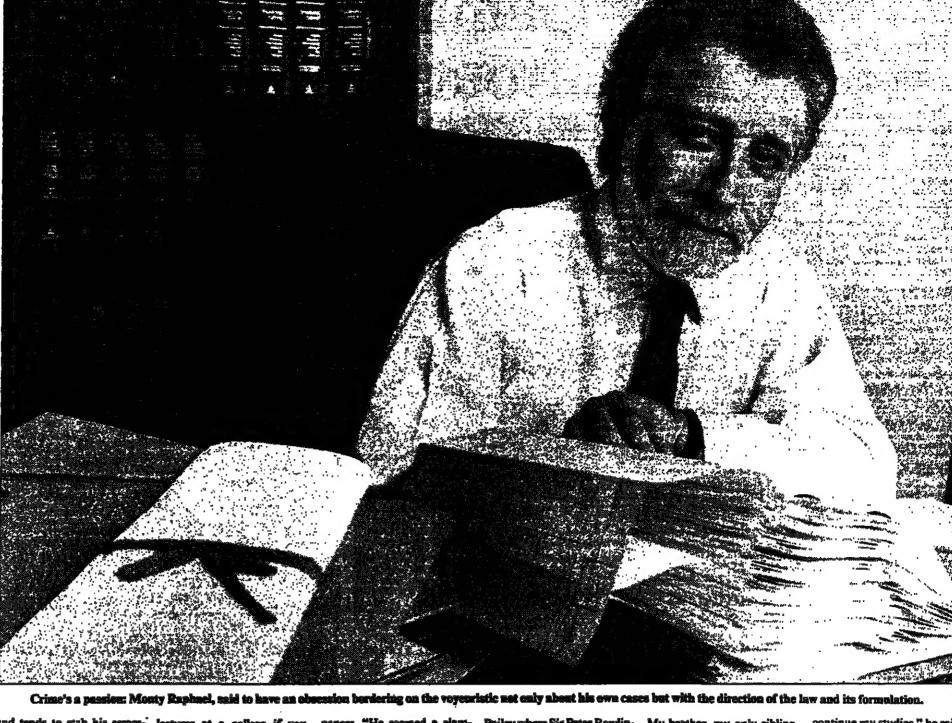
Raphael works an average of 14 hours a day. Like Margaret Thatcher, he only needs about five hours sleep physical exercise since he gave-up tennis several years

Not really, but he enjoys jazz and holidaying in Tuscany. Does he collect anything? Nothing except legal biographies. He reads copiously. For recreation, he picks up classics, thrillers - particularly Elmore Leonard - and European history. This is done mostly between midnight and

"I'm reading Citizens about the French Revolution and a biography of Coleridge. I have just finished Middlemarch and thinking about starting See Under: Love about the Holocoust from a child's point of view. I've been thinking for years about reading Bonfire of the Vanities but I haven't been able to bring myself to do it

Born in the East End of London of Polish parents his mother came to London just in time to see Queen Victoria's funeral entourage Raphael spent a lot of his childhood in Petticoat Lane where his father sold secondhand clothes,

At 11 years, he decided he wanted to be a lawyer when he started reading about Lord Shawcross, the Nuremburg trial prosecutor, in the news-



papers. "He seemed a glamorous and interesting man who impressed my adolescent intelligence," he reminisced. Raphael briskly summed up

his first 22 years. "I went to Davenant Foundation School, an East London grammer school founded in 1666, was articled to Peters & Peters in 1958 and qualified in 1962.

"I think my favourite area of law was decided on the first day of my articles in the Old

Builey where Sir Peter Rawlinson was defending a businessman charged with fraud."

Raphael does not believe he was influenced by one or two particular role models nor did his perents have a marked influence on his choice of career. "My parents' experi-ence was totally outside my ambition. My father, who was the youngest of eleven children, was a shoemaker in a factory before becoming a second-hand clothes dealer.

My brother, my only sibling. was ten years older and a very different person."

"My mother and father didn't know any lawyers nor did they have any use for a lawyer - they never bought any property and died

"Of course its only with hindsight that a child realises the enormous personal sacrifices made by parents. My father worked a lot longer than

continue my studies." he said. "I am not politically active apart from having an interest in who governs me." What party can lay claim to his allegiance? "That is between me and the ballot box."

And what does Raphael, an Eastern European by heritage, think about the enormous change engulfing that region? "There will be huge growth in white collar crime once the dust from all the political

Keeping up with the Schmidts

REALLY, these French are impossible to please. Their economy is booming as never before, their government is stable and, within reason, respected, and the great trek to the beaches and backwoods for their leisurely summer vacation has

But what is the average citizen's view of the future, as relayed to French pollsters (who never seem to take a holiday in this poll-mad nation)? If not quite unrelieved doom and gloom, the level of morosité revealed is

made up of equal parts of pessimism.

moodiness and vague foreboding, with a touch of irascability thrown in. Thus, after a year in which purchasing power has risen almost four per cent and the franc has become a hard(ish) currency, more than one in two people are adamant that their standard of living has actually fallen and another third reckon moodily that things can only get

Right on cue, along comes a survey guaranteed to make the French feel even worse. According to a recent survey of international business executives. France is way down the list of preferences for locating company head-quarters after 1992; far more popular, in ascending order of choice, were Holland, Britain and, cruellest cut of all, Belgium.

As many an unkind crack here bears witness, the French view of their Belgian neighbours ranges from withering condescension to downright mockery.

Filer en Belge is what crooked businessmen do, bolting when the game is up, while une histoire Belge is a story that nobody but a Belgian could find funny. The very idea that Brussels might be infinitely preferable to Paris by



PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS



Tapie: pinched Adidas for France businessmen is clearly some kind of

joke ... isn't it?

The fact is that the French, seemingly born with confidence and swagger, worry endlessly about how their lot compares with that of foreigners: this nombrilism, navel-gazing, is particularly evident when it comes to comparisons with the

Congratulate a fruit grower in the Midi on his unmistakable prosperity (big new Citroën in the garage, chalet in the French Alps, safari holidays in West Africa) and he will quite likely quote you statistics showing how the income of Bavarian farmers has risen far more

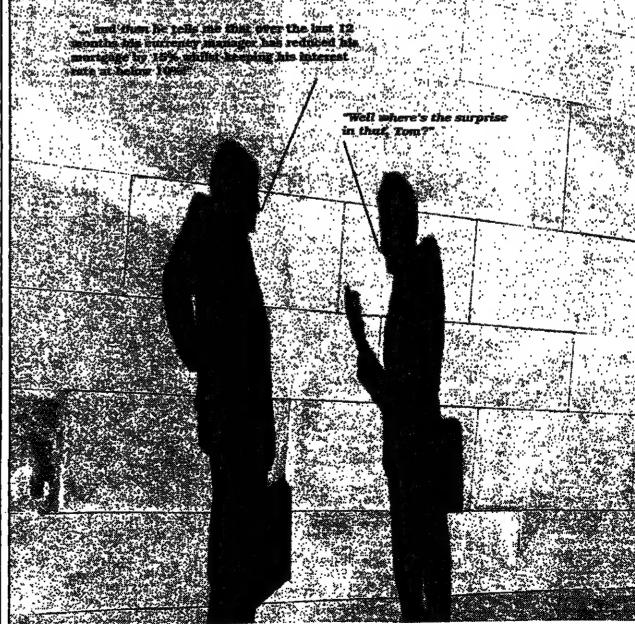
A successful sales executive I know gloomily jots down notes about the quality of the excellent French wines his West German competitors order for dinner while he must settle for a mere appellation contrôlée.

Small wonder, then, that French hearts swelled with the news that Bernard Tapie - probably the country's most dynamic, not to say flashy, entrepreneur and a leftish MP to boot - has just taken over Adidas, the renowned West German sports goods concern. And what joy to learn that M Tapie had snatched control from under the very nose of a big West Germany group.

"This goes to show that we can beat them on their own ground," crowed M Tapie, for whom morosite and nombrilism are definitely dirty words: "It comes at a time when France doubts its own strength."

As the owner of France's reigning soccer champions, Olympique Marseille M Tapie clearly feels that landing Adidas puts him firmly on the international

Who knows, he may even have plans to put together a French squad that can take the World Cup away from those seemingly unstoppable Germans next



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White collar



Monty Raphael, one of the stars of the legal profession, has seen more than his fair share of City scandals. Profile by Angela Mackay.....Page 55

Euro blues

Shareholders in Eurotunnel saw the value of their shares surge when the project began, but cost over-runs have taken their toll. The shares have

Sale bargains

Shoppers should beware of cut-price deals in sales that are not all that they seem. Gillian Bowditch looks at the dangers and has some tips for buyers hoping to exchange or return

School is out

The school holidays will increase the chance of accidents around the house. Homeowners should make sure their building insurance is up to

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Inflation up

Inflation has moved a step closer to the 10 per cent. The annual rate of price increases rose to 9.8 per cent in June, up from 9.7 per cent in May, to reach its highest level since March 1982 Page 40

Bigger losses

Hunterprint Group, the loss-making specialist printer, fell deeper into the red in the six months to end-March. Pretax losses reached £6.62 million, against a £2.31 million profit last time and a £2.2 million loss for the full

Sound fight

Shareholders of Sound Diffusion are still fighting for compensation more than 18 months after the electronic equipment leasing company's collapse. An action group represents 11,000 shareholders who claim they were given false information by directors and advisers. .. Page 43

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HOMEOWNERS are learning to live with high interest rates and fewer are falling behind with their

payments.

There are even signs of cautious optimism from building societies and other mortgage lenders which are carefully checking arrears and the state of the housing market in the Southers. the Southeast.

Statistics to be published by the Building Societies Association next month for the first six months of 1990 are likely to show arrears have risen by up to 50 per cent on the figures for the end of

But lenders who saw a dramatic increase in both the amount owed and the number of homebuyers behind with their payments in the first four to five months of the year are now finding that that trend is being reversed.

This has been coupled with encouraging signs that the housing market in the South has bottomed out and that more buyers are entering the market. Most of these are attracted by reduced house

prices and mortgage discounts.

But the hope of falling mortgage interest rates coupled with rising vages are encouraging lenders to think that the mortgage market will return to normal next year with house price inflation running at the same level as wage in-

None of the large lenders expect a fall in interest rates this year or a national rise in house prices.

At Nationwide Anglia, the second largest building society, retail operations director, John Hutchinson, said: "We think the Southeast has had its bad days and is beginning to firm up. beginning to firm up.

"It would not take much for the market to start humming again. There's a great deal of pent-up need to move."

He continued: "We are back where we were in the first quarter of 1988 in the Southeast. We would be happy to see a gentle move this time.

"A ridiculous price spiral, like the one started by the 1988 Budget's abolition of double tax relief, only benefits the sharks. We should see some sense now. I am genuinely hopeful, but it will be the beginning of next year before I can see a rise in prices."

The Halifax building society, the largest lender, reported this week that house prices in the South are eight to fifteen per cent below those of a year ago. But the Halifax feels that prices have at last bottomed out in the region. In the Midlands and Wales prices are up to 5 per cent down while in the north they are still showing substantial increases.

The Halifax reported that the ratio of house prices to average earnings has fallen from five times to 4.5 times earnings and should have fallen to four times by the end of the year.

This will be brought about by wage rises and "limited price falls in 1990", which should pave the way for a "firm recovery" next year, it says.

The Household Mortgage Corporation also predicted this week that as incomes start to catch up with prices people will start to

It optimistically suggested "this process will be given a further

Glimmer of hope on home front as arrears level out

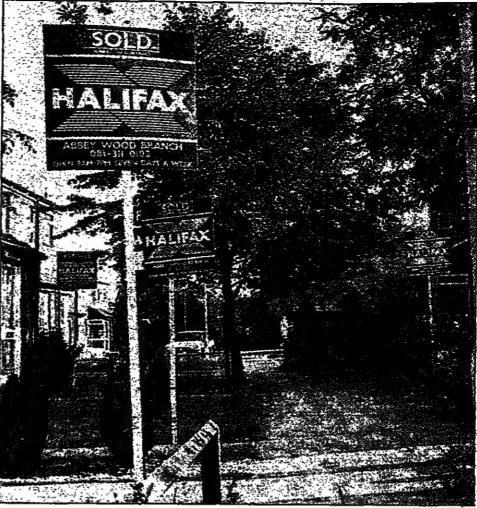
Estate agents can afford to breathe again as signs emerge that Britain's

property market has turned the corner out of recession.

Lindsay Cook reports on the reasons for a cautious mood of optimism.







Hopeful signs: estate agents report that the market is firming as wages catch up arices

boost if we are correct in our assumption that the government will reduce the basic rate by 2p in

The Household Mortgage Corporation expects an average increase of about 6 per cent next year but its house price forecast, prepared by the Henley Centre, said that this hides the fact that house prices in Britain are likely to be increasing faster than retail price inflation by the end of the

"Moreover, this pattern is likely to continue into 1992. We are currently forecasting that average house prices in Britain will increase by about 11 to 12 per cent in 1992 compared with a forecast underlying rate of increase in retail prices of 5.6 per cent."

At the Halifax, Gary Marsh, head of group planning and re-search, said: "Before there can be a recovery in the market there has to be a fall in interest rates but we are beginning to feel-confident that

the market is no longer in the downspin it was.

past two or three months that the market is levelling out in the Southeast. If you look at the price index, bous, prices in the Southeast are now ack at the levels of the spring of . .88.

"A good proportion of people who are buying now are first time buyers. Those people who have delayed buying have seen their incomes grow. One or two are beginning to look at interest rates and buying in the view that they will come down before too long," he said.

"I don't believe in gambling on interest rates but I'd be surprised if bank base rates had not come down by two or three points by the end of next year," he added.

The Halifax had seen a sharp rise in mortgage arrears in the first three months of the year in the four southern regions but had

increase slowing over the last two months, said Geoff Jackson, gen-"There has been a feeling for the eral manager. "We actively manage arrears and will go along with reduced payments for a long time. We want to make sure they keep

> "The encouraging sign is that the rate of increase has slowed considerably. People are seeing a chink of light. They're beginning to see that rates may be coming down and are doing what they can to make the payments.

> > "This is the longest period of

high interest rates that people

have had to live with. They are it's a long-term process to get themselves sorted out if they fall into arrears. "The Citizens Advice Bureaux

are doing a great job on this."

The Halifax has seen an increase of 20 to 30 per cent on its four to twelve-month arrears compared with the end of 1989. At Nationwide Anglia, Mr Hutchinson said the building society's arrears were back up to the 1987. level, when they were nationally at an all-time high.

The number of people behind with payments had risen by 50 per cent in the first six months of the year, he said.

This experience was also shared by another large lender, that did not want to be identified. Its spokesman said that since January it had seen a 50 per cent increase in arrears although in June the weekly increase had been slowing

"Wages are increasing and total outgoings. Other loans, such as credit cards and hire purchase, are working out of the system and they are not taking on any others,"

The spokesman added that the number of homes in possession had risen 30 per cent this year but is still a lot lower than that in 1987. In the last six months of

1989 the top 13 societies and Abbey National took 7,430 homes into possession.

It therefore looks tikely that about 10,000 people lost their homes in the first six months of

signs of a firming of the property market, but they are still a long way from being out of the woods. This week Prudential Property Services announced that it is to reduce its residential estate agency network by 175 branches.

It is also to introduce more competitive commission rates to reflect local market conditions. The Pradential currently changes
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in the North, Birmingham, Wales
and central London. And in the
Southeast the charge is 2.3 per

These charges are now likely in reflect the usual price differential between North and South.

The cheapest commission rates are in the North, with 1 per cent, plus advertising costs, common. In Greater London some agents charge more than 3 per cent, especially when a property is on the books of another agent as well.

Brian Gladwin, managing dipector of Royal Life Estates, the largest estate agency with 760 branches, said: "We're not putling any thought into the market pick-

hranches, said: We're not patting any thought into the market picking up until next year. We are just budgeting for next year.

The week by week sales are better than they were but the market is as flat as can be. Only when interest rates fail will there be a proper recovery.

The South has recovered comparatively but the Northwest and Northeast are really bad I would guess that sales this year will be only 90 per cent of has year's sotal, and we have kept ear market share.

Royal has varying commission rates, which start at I per tent in the north and go up to 2 per cent in the south. Where multiple agency is concerned, the prace can be as high as 3 per cent. It has also closed some 60 branches over 17 months, mainly in the South within the M25. This was the area that was hit first, said by Gladwin.

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He said that estate agents had in take more people to view propercies to make a sale and generally had to do more work than when the market was buoyant. Because of this there was no sign of commission rates being reduced to find more business. find more business.

"If anything some independent have been pushing the safe up to cover the extra costs and the fact

they are selling less properties.

David Goulden, group managing director of Habilax Property. Services, Greater London, said: that while interest was picking up sales had not done so yet.

"We're most active at the bottom with the first one buyers. The thing that's really going to unlock the market is the first WICTUIT reduction in interest rates. We're looking forward to the second

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The commission rate for sole agency is 2.75 per cent and 3.25. per cent for multiple agency. The Halifax chain, which is now the second largest, charges varying rates in the different regions.

Strong pound pays for gamblers with foreign currency mortgages

By RUPERT BRUCE

FOREIGN currency mortgage holders have gained over the past six weeks as the pound has soared led by speculation that the government will soon take sterling into the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) of the European monetary

Those who borrowed in European currency units (ecus), or marks, to buy homes in Britain saw their loans grow in size by about 10 per cent in the months after Nigel Lawson resigned as chancellor last October. But they have now seen the loans return to the size they were before his resignation. They have also benefited from an interest rate saving on their loan of between 3 and 6 But this volatility - the pound

has swayed from just under 3DM. to about 2.70DM and back again only illustrates how unsuitable this mortgage is for most

Mark Brett, bond and currency strategist, at BZW, said: "I am in the business of forecasting wha happens to currencies and I wouldn't have one of these things. If a client rings up to talk about them, I ask are you in the business of putting £100,000 bets in the foreign currency market. You hear about companies every day getting into trouble from their foreign exchange positions."

The first active marketing of foreign currency mortgages took place in 1988 and progressed as British interest rates climbed. Borrowers were aware they could get mortgages at cheaper rates of interest than at home in Europe, the United States and Japan. Many did not know that the size of their loan would fluctuate.

Basically, if the pound rises by 10 per cent against the currency the mortgage is in, the loan size falls by 10 per cent. But if the pound falls by 10 per cent, the loan size rises by the same amount.

Relatively few people have



Risks in een mortgages: Kean Seager of Whitechurch Securities

aware of the risks. John Charcol, the mortgage broker, estimates about £350 million is borrowed in foreign currencies each year, against total mortgage advances of £34 billion in 1989. The broker, which stopped advertising foreign currency loans because there were too many "cowboys" in the market, is launching a new range of currency mortgages next week. Homebuyers will need a salary of at least £40,000 a year and will be limited to borrowing two-and-a-half times the annual income.

The mortgages will be managed by ECU group, which looks after foreign currency exposure for 470

Kean Seager, managing direc-tor, of Whitechurch Securities, the taken out thèse mortgages, but financial adviser based in Bristol, many have done so without being has a £100,000 ecu mortgage. He

has seen his loan rise to £109,000 and then fall back to about £100,000 since he took out the 25year mortgage 12 months ago. "We will only arrange these mortgages for businessmen who

are used to taking risks as part of

their business. We will only do it if we feel they are aware of the risks," he said. In recognition of this risk, foreign currency mortgages are typically only available for up to 60 per cent of a property's value. If the loan rises to between 70 and 75

ically switched back into sterling Mr Brett thinks when the pound has settled into the ERM, there may be a case for borrowing in ecus. Until then he regards foreign currency mortgages as highly

per cent of the value, it is automat-

